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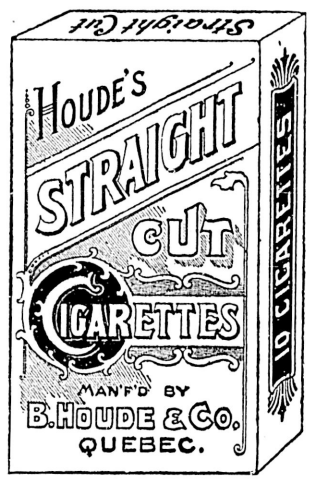

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I wish to call my patrons' attention to the fact that on Friday last I conducted my sale for two hours, selling upwards of 150 lots (including every bed set), although a blinding snow storm was in progress the whole time. I simply mention this to show that I conduct my sales for those who attend them, no matter what the weather may be like. If you are furnishing, or if you simply want a special article of furniture for Christmas, this sale will afford you all the opportunity you want. On view Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9 p.m., and on morning of sale.
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Canadian Volunteers.

Acceptance of Second Contingent Who Will Be Rushed from Halifax.

Permanent Cavalry and Artillery with Addition of Militia of Those Arms.

Mounted Police From Northwest to be Represented by Five Hundred Men.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Once again the call to arms is sounding throughout the Dominion. After the cabinet meeting this afternoon the Premier handed out the following statement:

"The Imperial government have at length cabled their acceptance of the offer of the Canadian government made on the 7th November last, of a second contingent. A cabinet council was held this morning, and instructions were given to the militia department to prepare this second contingent to go forward at the earliest possible moment. A cablegram to this effect has been sent to the war office."

Dr. Borden informs me that the composition of the force and the number of men will not be settled until to-morrow. From other sources, however, it appears to be practically determined that the force shall consist of Cavalry, Mounted Police and Artillery. The permanent force will constitute the major portion of the Cavalry and Artillery, but the active militia of these arms also will be drawn upon. About 250 Mounted Police can be spared from the force in the Territories. The balance required will be procured from ex-policemen, many of whom are anxious to serve. Four squadrons of 150 men each will be sent, and two batteries of 166 men each.

Two and possible three transports will be required, depending upon the size of vessels procurable. Halifax will be the port of embarkation. Unless very fast vessels are secured the transports will have to stay at Gibraltar to exercise and rest the horses. The contingent will not likely get away before January 18.

Col. Domville is here, anxious to serve his Queen and country, but only as a commanding officer of Cavalry. This he will not be.

It is not known whether any nurses will be allowed to go with the contingent, but inquiries will be made of the home government at once. Applications have been received up to to-night from 92 nurses and 30 doctors.

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Has Buller Crossed Tugela?

(Bulletin.)

London, Dec. 19. — The Daily Mail hears from a hitherto reliable correspondent that General Buller, after a stiff fight, crossed the Tugela River.

The correspondent also states that Gen. Methuen's communications are cut.

Indian Troops For Buller.

Large Force Almost Immediately Leaving Bombay For Durban.

Horse and Field Artillery Expected to Arrive Within a Month.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 19.—(4:40 a. m.)—The war office has been in communication with Gen. Sir William Lockhart, commander-in-chief in India, with a view of ascertaining what troops can be spared from his forces, and it is understood that as a result of these inquiries a force will almost immediately leave Bombay for Durban, including four regiments of artillery, including horse and field batteries. It is hoped that this force will reinforce General Buller within a month.

The Times says editorially: "Lord Roberts will have absolutely a free hand and may be expected to resume the original plan of campaign abandoned by Gen. Buller under the necessity of relieving Ladysmith."

BRAVERY AT TUGELA.

Three Irish Regiments and Scottish Borderers Crossed River Under Murderous Fire.

London, Dec. 19.—A correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing from Frere Camp, Natal, December 15, and describing the Tugela River affair, says:

"The Boers in great force occupied a strong entrenched position commanding the river and reaching back about 800 yards from its further side. Gen. Hare's brigade, on the left, first attempted a crossing, under a murderous Nordenfeldt fire. The Royal Dublin Fusiliers, the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, the King's Own Scottish Borderers, and the Connaught Rangers crossed with superb and unflinching gallantry, but the position on the other side was found utterly untenable.

"The British suffered heavily from a perfect hail of artillery and shrapnel, while their own artillery was very badly mauled. They were therefore obliged to re-cross the river.

"On the right Gen. Hildyard's Brigade, displaying equal heroism, succeeded in entering the village of Colenso. The Sixth Battery encountered a murderous fire and was compelled to retire, leaving guns, ammunition and wagons on the veldt. The brigade was also obliged to fall back. Meanwhile Gen. Barton's brigade also failed to take possession of Hlangwani hill.

"The entire force retired on Chieveley. Gen. Clery was in command.

The British Reserves.

First Lord of Admiralty on the Security Guaranteed by the Volunteers.

Increased Responsibility of the Sailors Since the Soldiers Have Gone Abroad.

Beresford Counsels Drawing on Ships' Guns to Largest Extent Possible.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 18.—Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford is quoted in an interview to-day as saying: "The issue of the war will depend more upon artillery than anything else, especially at the siege of Pretoria and other places where the biggest battles are expected. Therefore I urge that all naval guns which can be spared from the reserves and other ships be mounted for field service immediately. This move is necessary as there are no quick-firing twelve pounders of 12 hundred weight in the army.

"The government should immediately commission every ship in "A" division of the navy as a needful precaution against any nation seeking to take advantage of Great Britain's condition. No friendly nation could object.

"I am greatly pleased to see General Roberts and General Kitchener go to the aid of General Buller."

THE VOLUNTEERS' PART.

London, Dec. 18—Mr. Geo. J. Goschen, first lord of the admiralty, when distributing prizes to Volunteers and riflemen in London to-night, said: "I little thought when I accepted this invitation that I should address men to whom an appeal has been made to stand shoulder to shoulder with the regulars in South Africa. The possession of 250,000 Volunteers will be regarded by the country, I am sure, as a great element of security and I am confident that they are all prepared to do their duty.

"The colonies are also prepared to do their share, and Canada and Australia are to the fore, welcoming the opportunity to go to the front." (Enthusiastic cheers.)

After praising the great services of the naval brigades assisting the troops in South Africa and testifying to the constant anxiety of naval men to be in the thick of the fighting, Mr. Goschen said: "It is impossible to grant their desires, although these soldiers and sailors would be glad to go to South Africa in thousands, because when 120,000 regulars have already left our shores the responsibility for the efficiency of our navy will be immensely increased.

"I believe the preparedness of the navy has contributed essentially to assist Britons to remain calm and confident despite the black outlook. We have not only to look at the South African situation, but at possible emergencies all around, and without being an alarmist I would insist that we must sacrifice much to the imperative duty that every ship be fully and properly manned."

Mr. Goschen concluded with an eloquent tribute to the unanimity of the country and the colonies in supporting the government in a grave crisis.

A RUSH OF VOLUNTEERS.

Lord Chesham, commanding officer of the Royal Buckinghamshire Yeomanry, has been authorized to organize a force of 3,000 Yeomanry, who will proceed to the Cape. The Yeomanry troops sent out will be drafted so as to work together with the mounted infantry and mounted militia from Canada and Australia.

It is understood that the Volunteers selected will not form a separate corps, but will join their linked battalions of the regular forces in South Africa.

Throughout the country Volunteers are responding with the utmost alacrity to the official notice. Lord Lonsdale says he believes the government will only accept from 20 to 50 men from each Yeomanry regiment.

CONNAUGHT TO THE FRONT.

The Duke of Connaught visited the war office yesterday. Since the appointment of Lord Roberts as commander-in-chief in South Africa, the question of rank no longer bars the Duke from going to the front, and as he has a strong desire to go, it is believed that only the Queen's reluctance stands in the way. It is not unlikely that this will be overcome.

It is asserted that many officers of the Volunteer regiments are offering to go as troopers if not accepted as officers.

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Reinforcements For Methuen.

Fifth Division Heading for Kimberly—The Boers Still Well Supplied.

War Costing Two Millions a Week and Treasury an Early Borrower.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 19.—According to a despatch from Capetown, Gen. Sir Charles Warren and his staff have started for De Aar. This seems to indicate that the Fifth division will be sent to reinforce Lord Methuen, a decision which will meet with general approval as the opinion is almost everywhere held that it would be useless to waste any more time by frittering away men between the various columns.

The Morning Post in a rather alarmist article, remarks "upon the difficulty of deciding such a crucial matter," and says: "Besides three generals in the field, all of whom need to be reinforced, there is the rebellion in Cape Colony to be considered. This makes four pressing calls on the Fifth division. The question is who is to decide and on what principle?"

The Morning Post, reviewing the various positions of the beleaguered commandants and garrisons, concludes that the relief of Ladysmith is the most important emergency and that a victory in Natal would change the whole face of affairs. It also points out the urgent need of having the navy in readiness to move at any moment to protect the line of communication with South Africa, suggesting that "a quarrel with some foreign power might come any day without any British intention to have one."

Mr. J. B. Robinson, the South African millionaire, writes to the Daily Chronicle reasserting that the Boers have unlimited supplies of ammunition and ample stores of food, and declaring that statements to the contrary should be ignored.

No further news has been received from Capetown but the Cape Argus has a despatch from a correspondent describing the battle of Tugela River, who says: "Gen. Barton carried the village of Colenso at the point of the bayonet and under a raking fire."

The few accounts that are yet to hand fail to give an accurate idea, but the statement that Gen. Cleary commanded destroys the current idea that he was engaged in some turning movement and that the Tugela River battle was only part of a scheme of operations.

The Daily Chronicle's financial article which was written by Mr. A. J. Wilson, a leading authority, says: "The expenditure for the war considerably exceeds two million pounds per week, and as the it is evident that the government must soon come upon the market for money."

NO LACK OF VOLUNTEERS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—All the members of the Royal Canadian Dragoons stationed in barracks here are ready for immediate service in South Africa, and hope to be called upon to join the 2nd Canadian contingent. It is understood the Northwest Mounted Police are all ready to go. A dispatch from Moosomin says 1,000 men can be secured in the Northwest Territory.

VANCOUVER IN LINE.

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—Half an hour after the news had been posted that a second Canadian contingent would be sent volunteers commenced to file into Capt. Tite's office to record their names. Colonel Worsnop is ill at home, but other officers seen say that as only mounted men are wanted, no doubt the greatest number will be taken from the Northwest. With very few exceptions the officers here want to go to the front. They were refused by Gen. Hutton last time but will try again.

AUSTRALIAN PROMPTNESS.

Melbourne, Dec. 18.—An Australian mounted contingent of a thousand men will sail for South Africa before January 10. An additional New South Wales battery of artillery is to sail immediately.

GATACRE AND CAPE DUTCH.

Measures to Prevent Their Spying on British Troops—Boer Artillery Overmatched French.

Sterkstroom Cape Colony, Dec. 14 (Thursday).—Gen. Gatacre has issued a proclamation forbidding all persons living on farms to move about the district or to visit Sterkstroom, except on Saturdays, and then only with passes, under pain of summary arrest. It is understood that the proclamation is directed partly to the prevention of the conveyance of any news regarding British movements.

London, Dec. 19.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Naauwpoort, Cape Colony, dated Dec. 16, says: "The Boers brought a big gun to bear on the British near Narvaar Kop. The British pieces were too small to reach the enemy and after an intermittent artillery duel, Gen. French withdrew under shell but without losses to Arundel."

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Frere Camp says that the bodies of two of the guides who misled Gen. Gatacre at Stormberg were found on the battlefield. The men had been shot.

THE DAY AT WINDSOR.

Her Majesty Takes Outing in Afternoon —May Spend New Year's at Osborne.

London, Dec. 18.—The Queen passed a quiet day at Windsor. She took an airing in the afternoon. It is said that Her Majesty may leave Windsor for Osborne, Isle of Wight, December 29.

Mr. A. J. Balfour dined with the Queen this evening.

MAGERSFONTEIN DEATHROLL.

London, Dec. 18.—The war office tonight posted a revised list of casualties in the battle of Magersfontein, giving fifty-one additional killed.

TEST THE URINE.

If you have backache and there are brick dust deposits found in the urine after it stands 24 hours you can be sure the kidneys are deranged. To effect a prompt and positive cure and prevent Bright's disease, suffering and death, use Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, the world's greatest kidney cure.

LODGE PHYSICIANS.

Victoria Association of Doctors Decide to No Longer Act in That Capacity.

One of the chief questions which has been agitating physicians and secret society men since the doctors formed a local association was as to whether the men of medicine would carry out their avowed intention of no longer acting as lodge physicians. In a city with so many secret societies as Victoria it was found that the system of having lodge doctors materially interfered with the practice of the medical men. A meeting of the association was held last evening, and each member agreed to no longer act as lodge physician. To offset this action, which has been expected for some weeks, the different societies, it is said, are considering the advisability of inviting two doctors to come here to undertake the lodge work. It is claimed that the positions would be remunerative ones.

DOMINION NEWS NOTES.

Ontario Bank Inspector's Sudden Death —Trolley Fatality in Toronto— Gimli Election Very Close.

Special to the Colonist.

MANITOBA ELECTIONS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—Full returns from Dauphin give Burrows, Liberal, 425 majority. Gimli returns, with one poll to report, give Baldwinson, Conservative, seven majority.

COL. BAKER RETURNING.

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—Col. Baker, of Cranbrook, B. C., ex-minister of mines for the province under the late government, passed through here yesterday, en route home.

C. P. R. TRAFFIC.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—The Canadian Pacific traffic for the week ending December 4 was $652,000; for the same week last year, $566,000.

KILLED BY A TROLLEY.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—At 10 o'clock Saturday night Mrs. E. Rogers, 49 Wellesley street, was killed by a Church street trolley car at the corner of Church and Maitland streets. Mrs. Rogers and her husband were in a cutter returning from Havergal hall to their home.

WORRIED TO DEATH.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Edmund Morris, inspector of the Ontario Bank, died suddenly yesterday of heart failure. His death is doubtless attributable indirectly to the war in South Africa. His son is a captain in the First Devonshires, though at present serving with Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry. No bad news came from his son, but he followed events with intense interest, and paid almost daily visits to the newspaper offices. Recent reverses to British arms greatly agitated him, and doubtless were the direct cause of heart failure.

TAXATION OF RAILWAYS.

Governor Pingree Calls the Legislature to Increase Their Share of Public Burden.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 18.—The Michigan legislature met in special session at noon to-day in response to the call of Governor Pingree. The Governor's object is to secure the passage of a joint resolution providing for submission to the people at the general election next November of an amendment to the state constitution placing railways upon the same basis for taxation as all other property. At present the railways pay specific taxes upon gross earnings.

SULTAN'S DOMESTIC TROUBLES.

A Son-in-Law Skips With Money and Wife's Jewels—Now Charged as an Assassin.

Constantinople, Dec. 18.—The flight of the Sultan's son-in-law, Mahmud Pasha, on Thursday with his wife's jewels and all the money he could collect, has caused a great sensation here. It has now been ascertained that he sailed for Marseilles on a steamer, and that the Turkish government has telegraphed to the French minister of foreign affairs asking for the arrest of Mahmud and his return to Constantinople on the charge that he is implicated in a plot to assassinate the Sultan. This accusation, however, is generally discredited, and it is believed the refugee is the victim of an intrigue.

Ministers, Lawyers, Teachers, and others, whose occupation gives but little exercise, should use Carter's Little Liver Pills for torpid liver and biliousness. One is a dose. Try them.

RECENT REVERSES.

Rev. Dr. Campbell Referred to the War in South Africa on Sunday.

Last Sunday evening in the First Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. Campbell, as a prologue to his sermon, said: "Our hearts are sore and bleeding by the news that flashed through sea and across the continent of reverses and defeats during the last few days at the seat of war. No country or age ever saw braver men than those that constitute Her Majesty's troops at present in South Africa. The courage and bravery of the proverbial 300 Spartans of ancient times exceeded not these characteristics in the Black Watch and the Gordon Highlanders, and other regiments now engaged at the front. But why these reverses and defeats, where hundreds are shot down without even a chance to show their mettle? Incompetent generals and superior officers. There is an excuse for being entrapped once by a cunning enemy; but to be led into a trap of ambuscade time and again, and slaughtered like a flock of sheep, shows at least the wretched generalship under which the troops are placed. What we need, apparently, in the British army is officers raised from the ranks, and promoted according to merit, like Col. McDonald, of Omdurman, and Col. Matthias, of Dargai Heights, not officers placed in high position because wealthy, or of noble birth, or of influence, without probably any other trait to commend them to the command of the bravest men the world ever saw. It is surely humiliating to see the flower of our army defeated by farmers, the citizens of a little republic. But this war will purify the British Empire as nothing else would—and ultimately the victory will perch on the standards of our gallant soldiers. We will then cheer the noble victors, and honor the brave vanquished, and with heart and voice sing 'God Save the Queen.'"

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"Friday," was the reply.

"I knew it!" exclaimed the castaway in tones of despair; "I knew it! I'm hoodooed."—Chicago News.

New York City At Its Gayest.

Unrivalled Splendor of the Public Places of the American Metropolis.

Roles of World-Famed Artists Now Billed at Several Leading Theatres.

New York, Dec. 14.—Greater New York is gayer New York now. I have never seen the American metropolis to greater advantage than in the closing months of the century. It is in good sooth a century of marvels, but New York is the greatest marvel of all. Venice in her halcyon days was nothing in comparison with New York. It's true there hangs around Venice the halo of romance, poetry, and song, and all her glories have been sung by poets and her beauties portrayed by painters incomparably superior to any that have ever set foot on American soil, yet it were better to see New York to-day than to see Venice when she was the Queen City of the Adriatic, and the commercial emporium of the world.

When the ambassador of Pyrrhus returned from the Roman senate to his master's camp, he reported that he had seen an assemblage of kings. Ajax and Agamemnon and Hector and Ulysses are here, not with crowns upon their heads and swords and bucklers by their sides, but pursuing avocations as noble and achieving greater things than the mightiest heroes of antiquity ever accomplished.

The world has never yet seen anything comparable to this City of New York and here are its builders. In other days I have strolled through the grandest palaces built by kings, but there never has been a palace built that equals the palaces built by New York to shelter and entertain her citizens and her visitors. Windsor and Buckingham and Versailles and the Escurial are as naught beside the Plaza, the Savoy or the Netherlands, and the Waldorf-Astoria dwarfs and outshines all the other palaces wealth and luxury ever built. No other age and no other country could have built it.

Sunday, I drove along Fifth Avenue, through the park and then along Riverside. I never saw finer equipages on the Champs Elysees or the Bois de Boulogne, or on Piccadilly, or in Hyde Park, than in New York City on that drive on a Sunday afternoon. London could not display evidences of wealth, luxury, fashion or beauty than can be seen any afternoon on Fifth Avenue or the Riverside, and New York feels the pulse of a great new life within its veins and is beginning to amor the Piverside, and it is beginning to bition to become not the metropolis of a continent, but of the world. In my judgment, she will achieve that proud position before another generation passes away.

But enough, and let me tell some gossip of Gotham and of Bohemia. Henry Irving and Ellen Terry had a reception in New York that conquerors might envy. I saw them in "Robespierre." It was the first time I had seen either for seven years, and to look at them again, to watch their incomparable portrayal of a mighty past, and to listen to those voices that thrilled and charmed in more romantic days, was to me a source of ineffable pleasure. I have seen greater artists than either, but Irving and Terry together, when once seen can never be forgotten, and can never fail to be liked and loved. In after ages they will be a delightful tradition of the stars, and their's is an immortality greater and grander than that of kings and conquerors. The shades of evening are closing over both, but the sunset is far more glorious than the noon-day splendor of many a great career.

Julia Marlowe is playing "Barbara Freitche"—a tragedy of the civil war. I have never seen the lovely actress so winsome, so charming, so full of graceful movement and in finer artistic form than in this play. The play itself is almost worthy of the Augustine age of English literature. The movement is more artistic than the movement in "Robespierre," but the note in "Robespierre" has far more of the tragic element than in "Barbara Freitche." In Sardou's drama "France and the World" we are spectators of the mighty drama that ended in the downfall of the tyrant, while in "Barbara Freitche" our tears are shed for the untimely end of a noble soldier of the Union and as true and brave and noble a type of Southern maid as American literature has ever published.

I wish dear old Thackeray were alive, and that that dearest, kindest and best of all the great litteratures of one century could see his Becky Sharp live and throb and speak and act as Mrs. Fiske makes her do upon the New York stage. This is the greatest adaptation of the age. It is Thackeray's "Becky" to the roots of her hair; and side by side fully parallel to Mrs. Fiske's great creation is a Major Rawdon Crawley that is as true to life and to the original as anything I have ever yet beheld. Maurice Barrymore should have forged ahead to supreme rank on the American stage. He had the genius and the talent, but he lacked something, and he never did himself full justice. But his Rawdon Crawley is a grand achievement, a work of art, and a work of genius, and I predict immense success for this new and brilliant combination.

James O'Neil is playing D'Artagnan in "The Musketeers." For a time Blanche Bates played Miladi with him, and those who had the good fortune to see them together beheld a performance that no two artists on the American stage could surpass. O'Neil is a magnificent D'Artagnan. Nightly crowded houses are flocking to see Dumas' immortal creations live their gallant lives again, and enthrall the multitude by their achievements.

And yet another adaptation has filled New York with delight and enthusiasm, I mean William Gillette's portrayal of Sherlock Holmes. From the going up of the curtain until the play ends there is not a moment when the movement lags, and it winds up in as charming a love scene as I have ever looked at.

Henry Miller played another adaptation, a French Revolutionary drama. Henry Miller easily stands forth as one of America's great actors, and his play and his playing were exquisite, but it did not catch on; it did not suit the temper of the times we live in, and financially it was a failure.

W. H. Crane put on an exquisite colonial drama of the days when New York was Dutch—"Peter Stuyvesant." I would not have missed seeing that play for a horseback ride with my friend Gen. Warren over Oregon's mountains, but New York would not have Crane in "Peter Stuyvesant." New York loves Crane, but it always wants him in some rollicking, laughing, jolly comedy. New Yorkers won't have Crane seriously. His laugh, his gait, his manner, his movement they think exist to give joy and sunshine to their lives, and that is what they want from Crane and will have. Next year he plays a dramatized version of "David Harum," but he is now playing "A Rich Man's Son," and it is a very great success. It is Crane's part to life.

The other day I read a critique on John Drew that described him as the star of a great family of actors. This is the greatest compliment that has ever been paid John Drew. John Drew's father and his sister Georgie Drew Barrymore achieved histronic triumphs that John Drew has never yet attained. John Drew, senior, was the greatest Irish comedian of the century, and Georgie Drew Barrymore was the finest American comedienne I have ever seen In the old Royal Theatre, of Dublin, John Drew, senior, gave the finest comic representations of the century, and that in days when Brooks the greatest Shakespearian actor of our times, and Barry Sullivan and Toole were rivals for popular favor. John Drew is a very fine and very finished actor. He ranks easily among the foremost of our time, but he has not yet reached the triumphs that old John Drew achieved Drew is now playing "The Tyranny of Tears." It is an exquisite comedy, sparkling with the finest epigrams, and well worthy of its huge popularity.

"Ben Hur" has found its way to the stage. The play like the book is weak, but the staging is the finest ever seen in America. As a spectacular show it has stormed New York and the house is sold out months ahead.

On the music hall stage there is nothing new and nothing worthy of commendation. Anna Held is playing to crowded houses every night a species of Moulin Rouge light opera, and all the other music hall theatres are full to overflowing, but there is nothing worthy of chronicling.

I must say I do not like these numerous adaptations. I should prefer to see a little more originality and some more good stirring American drama, but players and playgoers are in a happy mood just now in New York for the plays are good and the playgoers are multitudinous and happy.

P. A. O'FARRELL.

WOUNDS HEAL SOON.

Boers' New Weapon Not So Effective as Martini-Henri Rifles—Weather Favorable for the Sick.

London, Dec. 19.—The war is already yielding interesting results in the study of wounds inflicted by the various projectiles in use on both sides. The Lancet's correspondent at Cape Town sends an important report, in which he says of the wounded there:

"A majority of the cases result from Mauser bullets with a few from Martini-Henrys, and the difference is extremely marked. The Mauser does not inflict so severe a wound, and the crushing power is distinctly less. In most cases it is difficult to determine the aperature of entry and that of exit from the appearance of the wound, both apertures in nearly all cases being identical in size. Of all cases being identical in size. Of course I am referring to wounds of fleshy nature where the bullet traverses the muscular structures only. In the case of perforation, grooving or tunnelling of bones, the aperture of exit is much enlarged.

"It is simply surprising to note how quickly and readily these wounds heal. In a great number of cases the ordinary field dressing is quite sufficient to bring about complete healing, and the smaller calibre rifle and the consequent size of the bullet tell most favorably. In fact, instead, as with the Martini-Henry or Remington bullet, of a wound resulting through which one can thread a large-sized drainage tube, the tissues are so little disturbed that they close immediately after the missile has passed, and the healing begins at once. In nearly all cases they are as aseptic as can be wished. There are a few cases of shell wounds, and these naturally are more severe, the laceration of muscle and other soft tissues and the splintering of bone being the chief characteristics.

"The weather keeps rather cool in the morning and after sunset, and the men coming from Natal brace up wonderfully after a few days in the hospital here. The climate is exceptionally good for wounds. In fact, they heal in such a marvellous manner that unless a man is struck in a vital part, the probabilities are that he will be fit for fighting again in a few weeks, a fact which will be forcibly impressed upon the Boers before we are done with them. I cannot help thinking that if they had any experience with the wounds caused by their new rifles, they would discard them in favor of their old friend, the Martini-Henry."

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DIED.

RAITT—In this city on the 16th inst., F. F. Raitt, a native of Bathurst, N. B., aged 49 years.

The funeral will leave the residence of Mr. Michael Baker, No. 102 Frederick street, TO-DAY, at 2:30 p.m. Friends will please accept this intimation.

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(Signed)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SHIPWRIGHTS AND CAULKERS' ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA AND ESQUIMALT.

Estate of Frederick Williams, Deceased

Late of 2 Superior Street, Victoria.

All persons having claims against the above estate are requested to present the same to us and all persons indebted to the deceased to pay the amount of their indebtedness to us forthwith.

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Solicitors for the Executrix.

17th December, 1899.

School of Physical Culture.

Mrs. D. R. Harris has commenced her classes in the Sir William Wallace Hall, Broad street. Classes for children on Saturday afternoons at 2 p.m., beginning December 2nd.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

A. O. F. BALL—Don't forget the Foresters' grand ball, Tuesday, December 19th, given by Court Northern Light and Companions of the Forest. This will be the Foresters' ball of the season. A good time guaranteed to everybody. d17

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Licensing Board at its next sitting for a transfer to Marion Walt, of Victoria, of my license to sell wines and liquors by retail upon the premises known as the Dallas Hotel, situate on Dallas Road in the City of Victoria, B. C.

Dated this 13th day of November, 1899.

WM. JENSEN

THE PATRIOTIC CANTATA—"Rule Britannia and Her Daughters," by the First Presbyterian Church Choir, on Monday evening, December 18th, at 8 o'clock, in the hall of the church, Blanchard street. Attractive music, loyal sentiment, splendid costumes and decorations. Admission 25 cents. d16

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SONS OF ENGLAND—Alexandra Lodge A.O.U.W. hall, 2nd and 4th Thursday [illegible] secretary.

Resident Physician Wanted.

Applications will be received by the undersigned until the 28th December, inst., for the position of resident physician for Quesnelle and surrounding district. The Provincial Government appropriate a yearly subsidy of five hundred dollars in support of a resident physician. Applicants to state qualifications and give references.

A. BARLOW.

Quesnelle Mouth, B. C., Dec. 2., 1899.

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THEATRICAL.

"A Hot Old Time," presented at the Victoria theatre last evening, is a laughable farce, which permits of the introduction of some very good specialties, notably dancing and cake-walking. John and Bertha Gleeson deserve to be placed in the front rank of dancers, while the Misses Melrose and Revare are not far behind them. Miss Annie St. Tel, "The Bounding Antelope," can certainly raise her toes higher than most young ladies, and bounces around as though constituted of rubber. The company went from here to Vancouver.

"THE SILENCE OF DEAN MAITLAND."

"The Silence of Dean Maitland," Mr. H. R. Roberts' special dramatization of Maxwell Gray's remarkable story of the same title—with which this gifted Australian actor opens his Victoria engagement to-night—has been so frequently and in so many ways contrasted with Hawthorne's immortal "Scarlet Letter" and its dramatization in the hands of Mr. Richard Mansfield, that a brief analysis of their distinctive difference may not be inapropos. To be brief, then—"The Scarlet Letter" is a magnificent introspective study; a masterly presentation of the torture of a noble soul that has sinned, and which goes on for years wearing unworthily the white flower of a blameless life, while the gentlewoman upon whose head the consequence of his sin has fallen, endures in patient, silent agony the reproaches of and unforgiving world. The tragedy culminates when Arthur Dimmesdale can endure the strain no longer; confesses his sin; and dies in the arms of the forgiving Hester Prynne. So much for "The Scarlet Letter."

"The Silence of Dean Maitland" has a practically identical theme, but the treatment and development are radically different. The handling of the intensely dramatic plot in the English version and novel is not at all introspective, but melodramatic and external. As an artistic romance and a deep, truthful picture of human nature in climacteric phases of its manifestation there is of course no comparison between "The Scarlet Letter" and "The Silence of Dean Maitland" from its very oppositeness of treatment from the psychic study created by Hawthorne and unfolded by Mr. Mansfield is a better acting play and one more calculated to please—for all theatregoers cannot be expected to give the play that application and attention that is requisite to an appreciation of "The Scarlet Letter."

Mr. Roberts and his company in their Portland engagement made so conspicuous a success in "The Silence of Dean Maitland" that an original booking of two nights in the play had to be extended to sixteen nights—and still the Oregon folk were ready for more, and are now pleading for a return engagement, and the same play again. The engagement here is of peculiar interest to Victorians owing not only to the high standing of the several members of the large company, but to the extreme infrequency of visits from all-English dramatic organizations, such as this one is. "The Silence of Dean Maitland" will hold the boards to-night and to-morrow evening; "David Garrick" being announced for Thursday and Friday; and "A Prodigal Father" closing the engagement.

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All through the Southern States, Minnie Tittel Brune is winning special favor from the press for her artistic Portia in "The Merchant of Venice," with Mr. Frederick Warde.

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Manager Charles L. Young is making Nevada's concert tour an historical event. In Philadelphia, Admiral Schley attended her concert and the introduction of the renowned officer and the brilliant songstress was a dramatic incident. It will be remembered that Mme Nevada who was singing in Seville when the recent war was declared was hissed by the Spanish audience. Her Western tour will include concerts in this city and Vancouver.

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Frederick Warde and his associates are this year presenting a grand repertoire of plays, including "Virginius," "Romeo and Juliet," "Merchant of Venice," "Richard III," "In the Lion's Mouth," and "Fortune's Fool"—the last of which was brought out in Denver recently with marked success.

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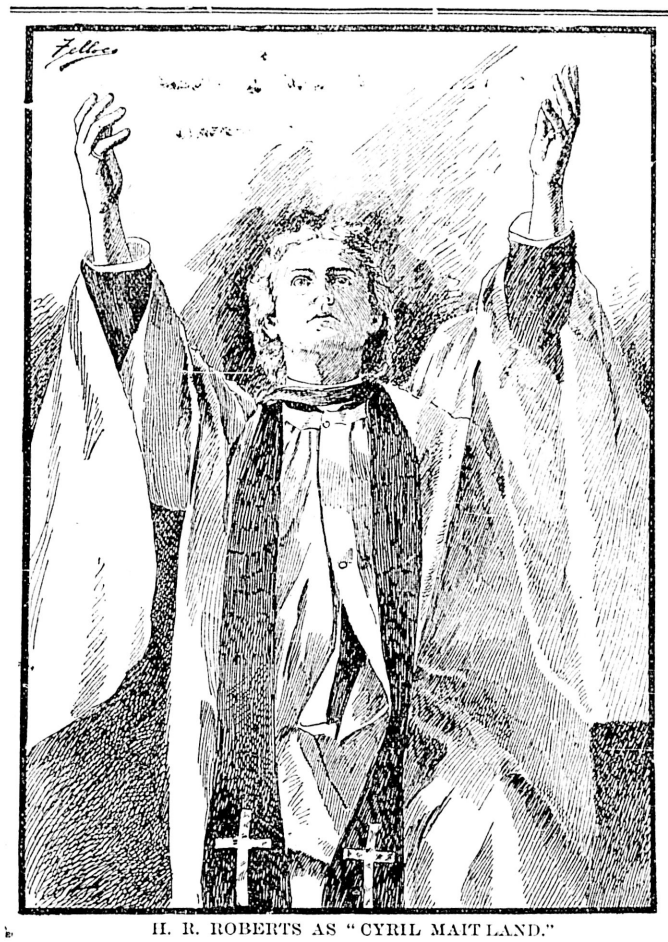
Manager Frawley is having a new play based upon the war in South Africa specially written, and will present it during his northern tour.

The Blanche Walsh-Melbourne MacDowell combination is doing a tremendous business this season. At the close of the engagement at the Montreal Academy, during the performance of "Fedora" on November 25, Mayor Prefontaine presented Blanche Walsh with a silver wreath of maple leaves, the emblems of Canada, as a token of appreciation from the public. Sardou is writing a new play for the company which will be presented next season.



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Finance and Commerce

Montreal, Dec. 18.—While there was nothing approaching the proportions of a panic in the stock market this morning, the lowest range of values during the year attained in London depressed Canadian Pacific, while New York did the same for others, and many local brokers involved in Wall Street were compelled to sacrifice some local stocks to make good their losses there. Montreal Street Railway dropped 20 points to 290; Toronto Street Railway dropped to 102, and Royal Electric slumped 6 points; while in the mining list Payne dropped to 97 cents, War Eagle to $2.50, and Republic to 95 cents.

New York, Dec. 18.—Panic conditions developed on the stock exchange to-day. With the imperative need of money caused by violent contraction in values stocks were thrown over without the slightest regard to the prices they would bring and at distressing sacrifices of values. No end to the helplessness of the situation seemed in sight, when in the last half hour of market some $10,000,000 was offered.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Leading futures closed as follows: Wheat—No. 2 Dec. 67¼c., May 71⅛c., July 71⅝c. Corn—No. 2 Dec. 31¼c., Jan. 31⅛@c., May 33⅜c. Oats—No. 2 Dec. 22⅝c., May 24¼@⅜c.

Shares and Produce.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The following quotations ruled on the Board of Trade:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
July	70½	71¾	70½	71⅝
May	69⅞	71¼	69⅞	71⅛
Corn—				
May	33⅛	33⅜	33⅛	33⅜
Pork—				
May	10.37½	10.45	10.30	10.40
Liverpool Wheat—				
May	5s 10⅝d	——	——	5s 11d

New York, Dec. 18.—The following quotations ruled on the Stock Exchange:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Am. Sugar	128½	131	120¼	125
C. B. & Q.	123¼	123¼	117	117¾
C. M. & St. P. ..	118¼	118¼	114	114½
Manhattan.	96	96	88	89
People's Gas	102	103½	96¾	94
C. R. I. & P.	107½	107½	100	101½
Am. Tob.	98	99	80	81
Atch. pfd.	59⅞	59⅞	55½	56½
U. P. pfd.	72	72	66¼	68⅝
Tenn. Coal.	81	81	67	70
Atch. com.	19¼	19¼	17⅛	18⅛
L. & N.	78	78	74	74½
B. R. P.	77	77	69	73½
U. P. com.	44¾	44¾	42	43
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26—Douglas street, between Fort and View streets.
27—No. 1 Fire Hall, Pandora street.
31—View and Blanchard streets.
32—Fort and Quadra streets.
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37—Cadboro and Richmond roads.
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42—Chatham and Blanchard streets.
43—Caledonia and Cook streets.
45—Spring Ridge.
51—Douglas and Discovery streets.
52—Government and Princess avenue.
53—Kings road and Second street.
54—Fountain, Douglas street and Hillside avenue.
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THE WAR.

Yesterday's advices from South Africa were absolutely nil, and as both the east and west coast cables are now working, the presumption is that there is not much news to tell. To impatient people it may be as well to say that there never was a war in which delays did not occur.

The great interest in yesterday's despatches attached to the announcement that a second Canadian contingent would be accepted of such composition, numerically and otherwise, as the government chooses to send. We assume that another full shipload will go forward, or say 1,000 men. This will be a mixed corps of horse, foot and artillery. For the first named, the Mounted Police will be relied upon in part. They ought to do excellent service. There will be plenty of volunteers for service as soon as it is known what is wanted.

The comments of the Continental press are very bitter. The French newspapers conveniently forget the experience of their country in Tonquin and Madagascar. The Germans, with no experience in war beyond sea, and with their ideas of their own military prowess exalted by their easy victory over France, are inclined to criticize severely the manner in which the campaign is being conducted. It is not pleasant to read the things that are said about us, but the perusal of them only makes a loyal Briton clench his teeth a little harder. We have no disposition to underrate the gravity of the situation; but we have every confidence that the Empire will emerge from it purified, stronger and more united than ever. If it is necessary to land an overwhelming force in South Africa, one must be sent. The greater the effort made the greater will be the result, the more eminent our prestige when all is over.

THEIR ONLY HOPE.

The only hope of the Semlin-Cotton government lies in the expectation of being able to keep their former supporters in line by a threat of a dissolution. They talk of a dissolution as though it were in their power to have one whenever they wish. But the prerogative of dissolution is exercised by the Lieutenant-Governor alone. He may grant one on the request of his ministry or he may refuse. We have no means of knowing what course he would take, if Mr. Semlin asked for a dissolution, but we do know that if he followed constitutional precedent he would decline. An opinion seems to be generally held in this province that a defeated ministry is entitled to an appeal to the people, but there is little authority for such a proposition. Indeed the weight of authority is quite the reverse. We do not say that no such cases have occurred, but only that all the leading cases, all those that are relied upon by writers on constitutional law as establishing the practice, are the other way. Ministerial defeats have occurred in British Columbia, but a defeated ministry has never been granted a dissolution. We doubt if there is a precedent in Canadian history for such a thing, while there are several precedents, where a request for a dissolution has been denied. We hesitate, therefore, to believe that the Lieutenant-Governor will set a new precedent in this regard, but think he will follow the constitutional principle, which treats the expressed will of the house as reflecting the opinion of the people, and withdraw his confidence from advisers from whom the house has withdrawn its confidence.

Those persons, who may be in some degree influenced by a fear of dissolution, would do well to consider for a little the present composition of the government and ask themselves how long such a ministry is likely to last. The habit is to speak of the Semlin-Cotton government, but every one knows that Mr. Semlin, with all his many good qualities, is only the titular head of the administration. Mr. Cotton is the government, lock, stock and barrel. He holds two portfolios, the only portfolios of any importance in respect to the finances, and has hidden his colleagues away in obscure corners of the cabinet. It is an extraordinary thing that this province is so short of men fit for public position that Mr. Cotton must needs be both paymaster and payee of all public moneys. No greater evidence of the weakness of the government can be asked than the retention of these offices by Mr. Cotton. Why was not one or the other of the portfolios held by Mr. Cotton given to some one else? Mr. Prentice might have been offered one, and if he had accepted it and offered for re-election the cloud upon his title to his seat would have been removed. We do not say Mr. Prentice would have accepted the offer, but it might have been made to him. Mr. Wells carried a constituency for the government, which the present opposition held at the general election. Why was he not recognized by the offer of one of Mr. Cotton's portfolios? Why have neither of them been placed at the disposal of one of the Island government supporters? There are other gentlemen on the right hand of the Speaker, who could creditably fill either of the positions. Why was none of them selected? It is well known that Mr. Cotton was quite ready to hand over a portfolio to a member of the opposition. It is therefore very strange that he should have withheld one from his friends. He has probably relied upon his ability to keep the latter in hand by the threat of a dissolution; but we are confident that he will fail.

A SUGGESTION.

The Imperial government has expressed its readiness to accept all Colonial offers of contingents for South Africa, preference being given for mounted corps. We suggest that British Columbia ought to come to the front with a squadron, say 200 strong, of rough riders. The horses and the men can be readily got here. The suggestion is that a distinctively British Columbia contingent should be formed, the expense of raising and equipping it to be borne locally. This is worth thinking over, and some of our wealthy citizens might take the matter up. If a beginning were made there would be plenty of offers to supply horses and accoutrements from persons of small means. We believe there would be plenty of volunteers for the service.

Something of this kind, quite distinct from anything the Dominion government may do, would be the best proof of loyalty to the Empire that this province could offer.

It might be well for the government to bear the expense, and then we would all contribute something towards it.

WORKING IN MINES.

Mr. Clute, who is examining into the working of the eight-hour law at the instance of the Dominion government, is bringing out considerable interesting information. The evidence, as far as we have been able to examine it, seems to demonstrate the entire fallacy of the claim that men would or could do as much work in eight hours as in ten. The manager of the Ymir mine testified that it cost his company 15 per cent. more to sink a shaft with eight-hour shifts than with ten-hour shifts. Practical miners admitted that there is considerable loafing indulged in when men work in ten-hour shifts, so that the actual working time was probably reduced thereby to nine hours. They thought there would be less proportionate loafing if the hours of labor were eight. It is claimed that a hammer man can do as much work in eight hours as in ten, provided he is willing to do so, but where machines are used, as in the best mines, the case is very different, for of course a machine can do more work in the longer time. Mr. B. W. Grahame, who worked by contract in the Silver King, said that they used to make from $5.90 to $6.40 a day under the old system, but the average is much less under the eight-hour plan. He said that if he were working on a contract he would certainly work ten hours.

Mr. Grahame gave some interesting testimony as to the feeling of the miners. He said that under the old system the relations of the miners and mine-owners were perfectly satisfactory. He had heard the new law discussed, but the miners did not appear to want it, and when it was passed they took no particular interest in it. He spoke of the scarcity of good miners. He believed that if the companies could get good miners and pay them $3.50 for eight hours they would get as much satisfaction out of them as out of an average crew working ten hours, but frankly admitted that he did not know where the men could be got.

Mr. Croasdaile, general manager of the Hall Mines, said that under the ten-hour system the men who worked by contract averaged $4.48 a day, but under the eight-hour system they only averaged $3.48. He said that a great many of the best miners had left the country, when the new law came in force, to avoid being tyrannized over by the Union.

On the whole the evidence seems to bear out the position taken by this paper, that the eight-hour law was not asked for by the miners and is not a piece of legislation in the interest of either employers or employed.

The Inland Sentinel says that the Mine Owners' Association propose to offer the leadership of a political party to Mr. H. D. Helmcken; but we do not know that we should look to the Sentinel for authoritative information on such a subject.

Already Canadians are offering their services to their country, and the strength of the second contingent will be limited only by the willingness of the government. Practically the Imperial authorities have given us carte blanche as to men and the arm of the service to which they shall belong. Let us send five thousand. That is the best answer to make to European calumnies.

Mr. Helmcken, M. P. P., has been in correspondence with the department of the interior with the view of having the whole Songhees reserve valued by the board of arbitration, which is dealing with the E. & N. right-of-way. Pending the return of Mr. Sifton to Ottawa the matter must remain in abeyance, but Mr. Helmcken hopes for a favorable reply. The idea is an excellent one, especially if the city is to obtain possession of the reserve, as Alderman Hayward proposes.

A HORRID MAN.

"You would scarce believe it," said the coquette of uncertain years, "but when I was a giddy young girl I was positively ugly."

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TRICKERY IN POLITICS.

From the Toronto Mail and Empire.

One good thing about the defeat of Greenway is the punishment it administers to a section of the band of conspirators who raised a religious question for their own political ends. When Mr. Greenway was hard pressed some years ago, he went to a French constituency in which there was a bye-election and urged the return of a supporter on the ground that he was a friend of separate schools. Then, after he had gained further strength in the assembly, he calculated that it would pay him to abolish the schools, and he abolished them accordingly. Messrs. Laurier and Sifton now appeared on the scene. Between these two politicians and Mr. Greenway a bargain was struck, under which Greenway was to refuse any redress, while Laurier was to clamor for it in Quebec and to agitate there against the then Dominion government for not according relief. By Greenway and Sifton all advances for a modification of the system were refused. By Laurier the race cry was raised in Quebec. It is known now that the correspondence from Ottawa to Winnipeg on the subject was transmitted to Laurier, and all the refusals to modify the law in the slightest degree which came from Greenway and Sifton were written on an understanding with Laurier, who saw them and approved of them before they were sent to Ottawa. During the period that Lord Strathcona and Mr. Dickey were at Winnipeg endeavoring to secure some measure of relief, the private communications made by those gentlemen to Mr. Sifton were conveyed to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who agreed to the negative replies that were given. In the election of 1896 the Laurier candidates ran in English-speaking constituencies, pledging themselves that no action should be taken. On the other hand, the candidates in Quebec promised that action would be taken, and that if Greenway did not take it Laurier would pass a coercive law. After the victory gained by this two-faced policy, Laurier and Sifton met at Ottawa. It was then agreed that the school law should be changed, but among the conditions were a promise by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to secure a knighthood for Mr. Greenway, and a pledge that Mr. Sifton should have the handling of the department of the interior. Greenway changed his law in such a way as to enable him to relax the regulations. Sifton entered the interior department, with results which we all know too well. And Laurier posed as the great peace-maker. He declared in his speeches that he had found the Dominion rent and torn with dissensions which the Conservatives had created—an untruth, for he had created them himself; but that, by the exercise of tremendous statesmanship—the buying of Mr. Sifton and Mr. Greenway—he had brought harmony and happiness to his country. The entire business was a conspiracy to produce and maintain ill-feeling for political purposes, and to quiet it down afterwards on the basis of plunder. The western end of the compact is paying the penalty for its cunning; it only remains for the people to unite and give the federal conspirators the punishment they too deserve.

The five best selling books in New York during November were "Janice Meredith," "Richard Carvel," "David Harum," "Mr. Dooley in the Hearts of His Countrymen," and George Ade's "Fables in Slang." The last named book has leaped into popularity. The publishers announce the printing of the 19th thousand within three weeks after publication.

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The Boer Rifleman's Song.

An unknown poet, or at least one who is known only by the initials "L.J.O.B.," has written what may be called justly the best poem that the war in South Africa has inspired yet. It is remarkable that this really excellent piece of work has not been circulated widely before this, especially since the British nation is hungry for good war poetry, of which it is not getting much, if any. This poem was printed in the Telephone, a weekly paper published in Capetown, Africa, on September 25. The word "rool-baatje" used by the poet refers to the red-coated British soldiers:

Lay my rifle here beside me, set my Bible on my breast,
For a moment let the wailing bugles cease;
As the century is closing, I am going to my rest,
Lord, lettest Thou Thy servant go in peace.
But loud through all the bugles rings a cadence in mine ear,
And on the winds my hopes of peace are stowed;
The winds that waft the voices that already I can hear—
Of the rool-baatje singing on the road.

Yes, the red-coats are returning: I can hear the steady tramp,
After twenty years of waiting, lulled to sleep,
Since rank and file at Potchefstroom we hemmed them in their camp,
And cut them up at Bronkerspruit like sheep.
They shelled us at Ingogo, but we galloped into range,
And we shot the British gunners where they showed;
I guessed they would return to us—I knew the chance must change—
Hark! the rool-baatje singing on the road!

But now from snow-swept Canada, from India's torrid plains,
From lone Australian outposts, hither led;
Obeying their commando, as they heard the bugle's strains,
The men in brown have joined the men in red.
They come to pay us back the debt they owed;
And I hear new voices lifted, and I see strange colors tossed,
'Mid the rool-baatje singing on the road.

The old, old faiths must falter; the old, old creeds must fail—
I hear it in that distant murmur low—
The old, old order changes, and 'tis vain for us to rail;
The great world does not want us—we must go.
And veldt and sprult, and kopje to the stranger will belong,
No more to trek before him we shall load;
Too well, too well I know it, for I hear it in the song
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[By Mr. Napier Denison.]

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Tuesday, Dec. 19.		Wednesday, Dec. 20.	
Time.	Height above zero	Time.	Height above zero
7:30 a.m.	8.9 feet.	7:40 a.m.	9.0 feet.
10:40 a.m.	8.1 feet.	11:45 a.m.	7.7 feet.
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To Carpenters and Contractors.—Written bids addressed "Secretary 5th Regiment Ball Committee," will be received at the Drill hall until Thursday evening next for the purchase of the 6,000 feet No. 1 T. & G. flooring contained in the dancing floor now in hall. Further particulars at Drill hall. *

License Commissioners.—The meeting of the license commissioners for Esquimalt district, which was to have taken place on the 15th instant, was postponed until Saturday, December 30, at 10 a. m.

Natural History Society.—At the fortnightly meeting last evening the chief feature was an instructive and interesting paper on the Honey Bee, read by Mr. E. Robinson. The generally expressed idea of those present was that the paper is well worthy of publication, and steps to that end will accordingly be taken.

A Good Christmas Trade.—The splendid weather of yesterday aided in booming business for local merchants, the shops being crowded with purchasers during the afternoon and evening. Many are keeping open till a late hour each evening to accommodate purchasers, and this arrangement will probably continue until after Christmas.

Late F. F. Raitt.—A coroner's jury after hearing the evidence yesterday morning found that F. F. Raitt, who dropped dead on Chatham street on Saturday evening, died from natural causes. The funeral will take place at 2:30 this afternoon from the residence of Mr. M. Baker, 30 Frederick street.

Indians Subscribe.—The Indians of Carmanah, Clayoose and Nitinat have subscribed $17.60 towards the Mansion House fund. Mr. W. P. Daykin, of Carmanah, who forwarded the amount, says in his letter that the Indians fully understand what it is for, and "wish to say they are very sorry for the white people who have lost their husbands and fathers; they are glad to help, and give freely what little they can, for they might be in trouble themselves some time." Mr. Daykin also forwarded $10 on behalf of himself and family; $10 from Mr. and Mrs. Paterson, of Cape Beale; $1 from the store at Clo-oose; and 50 cents from Mrs. Vanslyke.

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New Wharf.—The Victoria & Sidney railway company are calling for tenders for a wharf to replace the old one at Sidney. A spur is being run from the main line to the wharf.

Meeting To-night.—The members of Banner Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W., will assemble this evening at 8 o'clock in Pythian hall, Broad street, to wind up the business of the expiring year.

Licenses Renewed.—The license commissioners for North Victoria district have renewed the licenses of F. G. Norris, for the Sidney hotel; Alex. Wright, North Saanich hotel; and Warburton Pike, Point Comfort hotel. They refused a license to Mr. Robinson, of the Mayne Island hotel, who will appeal.

Soldier Married.—At the Victoria West Methodist church Rev. J. P. D. Knox, Wesleyan chaplain to the troops at Work Point, united in marriage Corp. John Gallagher, of Company 19, R. A., and Miss Louise Ash, of Carbonear, Newfoundland. This is the first marriage in the company since its arrival here.

Chinese Mission.—The boys of the Chinese Methodist mission, Fisgard street, intend giving a Christmas social to their English-speaking friends this evening at 8 o'clock. Addresses will be delivered by city ministers, and music will be rendered by the mission boys. Refreshments will be served. All interested in the mission will be made welcome.

Elected Officers.—Loyal True Blue Lodge, of Sidney, has elected officers as follows: Mrs. Henry Brethour, W. M.; Mrs. William Richardson, D. M.; Henry Brethour, D. S.; J. Critchley, F. S.; J. J. White, Treas.; Mrs. W. R. Armstrong, Chap.; Mrs. S. Brethour, Dis. Officer; Miss Elizabeth Brethour, Conductor. The following committee was appointed: S. Brethour, Julius Brethour, Mrs. Julius Brethour, W. R. Armstrong, J. P., and Andrew Deacon.

A Pioneer's Death.—At the ripe old age of 74 years, Mr. Evan Cadwallader, well known to many Victorians and for 27 years millwright at the Moodyville mills, died on Saturday last at St. Paul's hospital, Vancouver. Deceased came to British Columbia about thirty years ago. He leaves four sons—John, Evan, Robert and Humphrey—all of whom reside in Vancouver, and three daughters—Mrs. Lanwark, who resides in the North; Mrs. Chamuit, living in San Francisco; and Mrs. W. Von Rhein, of Victoria.

Elected Officers.—The B. Y. P. U. of Calvary Baptist church held their regular monthly consecration meeting last evening at the conclusion of which officers for the ensuing term were elected as follows: President, Mr. Hector Galbraith; vice-president, Mrs. J. F. Vichert; secretary, Mr. William Russell; treasurer, Miss Sarah Galbraith; organist, Miss Etta Bishop. The Misses G. Andrews and A. Clyde were elected to serve on the executive committee.

Borne to the Grave.—The funeral of the late Mrs. David Breckenridge took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, Cameron street, where Rev. Mr. Speer conducted services. There was a large attendance from Strawberry Vale, as well as the city. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs. W. Allen, Thomas Renfrew, Chas. Clarke, J. R. Westcott, J. Laurie and J. Chapman. Many flowers adorned the casket.

An Unfaithful Servant.—Yei Abe, a Japanese house servant, is detained at the city police station with various charges of stealing entered against her, which she has practically admitted. She was employed by Mrs. Harry Bishop, and various articles of jewellery and small sums of money were found to disappear with a frequency and under such circumstances that suspicion fastened upon the little slavey from Mikadoland. When Officer R. H. Walker appeared on the scene and a search was instituted, a gold bracelet, two gold nuggets, a silver serpent ring, $7.25 in money and ten silk handkerchiefs—all belonging to Mrs. Bishop—were found secreted in Yei Abe's mattress; and confronted with these evidences of dishonesty, she herself disclosed where she had hidden a gold watch and chain belonging to Mrs. Bishop, in the bathroom. The case was not heard yesterday, on account of difficulty in securing a competent interpreter. It is set for the 20th, to-morrow, when the case of Jung Nah Sing, accused of stealing a boxful of clothing from Wah Sing, will also be taken up. The absence of material witnesses prevented this case being disposed of yesterday.

Just in Time.—When the city fathers advertised in the usual way, a few weeks ago, for tenders for the printing of the Municipal Voters list for the elections of 1900, there was a clause in the specifications submitted to the competing firms to the effect that at least twelve copies of the completed new roll should be in the hands of the city authorities on or before Saturday, the 16th instant. It was under this condition among others that the contract was let at the unusually low price of 85 cents per page; and the necessity for this condition appeared to arise through the requirement of the general municipalities act that twelve copies of the roll should be presented to and certified by the Mayor not later than the third Monday in December, which was yesterday. Saturday came and the twelve lists were not ready. Yesterday arrived, and the working day for the city hall official staff passed, four o'clock giving the signal for the closing of books and locking of doors—yet still the lists came not. When the council met in the evening, however, the lists had made the legally required connection, reaching the clerk shortly before eight, and receiving His Worship's signature in the eleventh hour of the time allowance.

BRONCHITIS.

Mr. William Davidson, St. Andrews, Que., states: Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine has cured me of bronchitis. I have, without success, tried many remedies for the past six years. Last winter when I had a severe attack and was unable to work I procured a bottle of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine and am happy to state that the third bottle made me a well man." 25 cents a bottle. Family size 60 cents.

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Piano Solo.....
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Miss Underhill.
Trio (Mandolins and Piano.....
Miss K. Davis and Messrs. Winningham and Peden.
Tenor Solo.....
Selection.....
Douglas Mandolin Club.
Exercises by Pupils (under Miss Merritt)
Song.....
Mr. J. G. Brown.
Trio (Mandolins and Piano.....
Miss K. Davis and Messrs. Winningham and Peden.
Recitation (comic).....
Mr. Percy Richardson.
Song.....
Miss Goward.
Selection.....
Douglas Mandolin Club.
"God Save the Queen."

The concert will begin at 8.15 p.m., and it is hoped that the hall will be crowded to the doors before that hour.

Christmas Show.—The annual Christmas display of meat at the Queen's Market is this year larger and better than ever. Mr. Goodacre has recently had his premises considerably enlarged so that he has a better opportunity to display his prime stock, most of which is the product of British Columbia, and particularly the Island. The beef, mutton, pork, veal and lamb, Mr. Goodacre says, is the fattest and finest he has had for years. Last evening the sides and carcasses were put in place and prettily decorated with holly. The show should be seen before the butchers commence to break it up to provide Christmas dinners.

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But you say, "What can I give each one?" That we cannot answer; but we can tell you about what we know are among the most useful presents. And sure the useful ones are the best kind of presents for you to buy.
We will first talk about
Neckwear,
25c. buys a better tie here to-day than ever before. For 50c. we show splendid assortment. It is our belief that you will find ours to be the best line of ties at these prices to be found in the city; but all lovers of the beautiful in neckwear can't help but be enchanted with the ties that came in by express yesterday—beautiful black satin goods, cut on the flowing edge style, with just a dash of color at the knot, after the tie is tied. These make exceptionally good presents and cost here but 50 cents.
Handkerchiefs,
Silk initial handkerchiefs, 23x23 inches square, with 2-inch hemstitch border; handsomely worked initials—50 cents.
Gloves.
Kid gloves, 60c., 75c., $1.00 and $1.25. Mocha tan gloves, with silk lining, $1.50, an exceptionally good glove for a present and very handsome.
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Pure silk umbrellas, with close, rolling steel rod frame—natural polished wood handles. This umbrella when rolled is no larger than a cane—each in a nice cover—$3.50. Nothing sold elsewhere like it for less than a five dollar bill.
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The Westside Store News.

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Check and Stripe Silks, suitable for blouses, 65c 75c $1 and 50cts.
All our choicest Check and Stripe Silks will be sold this week at $1.25
Cold Taffeta, all shades, worth $1.00, this week..... 75 cents.
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We have just received to-day a large stock of black Bengalines, black Failles black Brocades, black Taffetas, black Peau-de-Slie and black Duchesse satin.
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Ladies' black and coloredSilk Plaited Hose, lace ankles, ...65 cents and $1.00
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Belts for Gifts
THERE are two ways of inviting you to see the Christmas collection of Belts—to tell of the many handsome ones and describe their beauties, or to tell you of the new
Dog Collar Belt, we have them ..... $1.00 to $1.75
Plain black and tan Leather Belts..... 35cts to 75cts.
Fancy elastic Enameled and Sequin designs.....$2.00.
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FASHION is agog over the small furs, —cluster — scarfs collarettes and muffs.
A large stock of Grey Opposum Collars, ...from $2 to $5.00
Muffs to Match.....$2 to $4.00
Lynx Collarettes $4.50
Lynx Muffs to match $4.50
Collarettes of different styles and qualities of Fur, $6.50, $7.50, $10.50, $14, and a few of those beauties at.....16.50
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Don't buy an Imported Stove when you can buy the Home-made Article for less money.
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City Coucil And Trustees.

Anegles Ferry By-law Disappears and Chilliwack Comes to the Front.

New Position for Chief Sheppard —the Scools Chirstmas Vacation.

Both the city council and the board of public school trustees held protracted meetings yesterday evening at the city hall, the session of the former body lasting until the stroke of 11—to be continued to-morrow evening at the usual hour; and the educational board completing its labors for the evening but a quarter of an hour earlier. The council session was of very considerable interest, the business including the endorsement of various public works to the limit of the available funds; the appointment of Mr. H. W. Sheppard as assistant police court prosecutor and Chinook interpreter, upon his retirement from the office of chief of police; the killing of the Port Angeles ferry by-law, by the rising of committee without report; and the introductory skirmish upon what is generally known as the Chilliwack railway scheme, although the by-law in connection is termed the Victoria & Sidney Extension by-law. The business of the trustee board was chiefly in relation to the closing exercises at the various public schools, which are set for Friday forenoon, the North Ward, however, having a programme for the afternoon, and the High school classes also assembling after the formal dismissal, for the presentation of the Governor-General's medals. The only other interesting item of school board business was in connection with the relative advantages of the vertical system of penmanship, with regard to which the city superintendent was requested to present a report.

Although but fifteen minutes' grace is allowed the aldermanic board by the rules, in the matter of meetings, the hands of the clock pointed to 8:22 last evening when the mayor and members of the council took their places; and it was 8:35 when the minutes had been duly disposed of.

First in the order of communications came a letter from Hon. J. S. Helmcken, M. D., withdrawing—as no longer necessary—his offer with respect to the draining of Beacon Hill park through that portion of his property known as the McTavish estate; this communication going upon the file.

Next a protest was received from George de Wolf, against the paving of Broad street, which went pro forma to the city assessor, although it was understood to be insufficient to deter the work; and a complaint of the unequal distribution of city work, from W. G. Eden—which was promptly ordered filed.

City Clerk Dowler reported the receipt and reference to the engineer's department during the week of communications in regard to drainage and sidewalk improvement, from E. E. Blackwood, William A. Franklin and E. Holmes—the clerk's formal report also going upon file.

The recommendation from the city solicitors that Mr. H. M. Grahame be paid $12 for damage done to an uninsured window on Government street through negligence of corporation workmen, was adopted without debate; as was also a report from the city engineer and the solicitors, in conjunction, advising that, as the Albion Iron Works Co. had repudiated responsibility for the sidewalk adjacent to their manufactory, the council resume possession of the area in question, and replace the walk.

In response to a request from the council, Fire Chief Deasy reported that it would cost (roughly) $354 to place a fire alarm box on Alpha street. He noted incidentally that the nearest hydrant to Alpha street was at present 3,000 feet distant, and stated that in his opinion a hydrant was a first requisite of protection for the locality—an alarm would be of little advantage without water.

This report was placed on file; while an estimate from City Electrician Hutchison of the cost of giving electric light to the Jubilee hospital side gate and to Sayward avenue—$110 in the former case and $115 in the latter—was adopted, despite the vigorous protest of Ald. Brydon, Humphrey, Cameron and Beckwith that a decision should not be made without reference to the committee.

Ald. Humphrey maintained in this connection that the light at the Jubilee hospital side gate had not been formally applied for; that the proper position for a light in this locality was at the corner of Edmonton road, opposite the isolation hospital; and that to grant the light at the hospital gate, over the heads of the committee, would be to insult that body, in all of which observations Ald. Brydon concurred.

For the granting of the hospital board's request, the Mayor, Ald. Stewart and MacGregor spoke briefly but to effect—the light being granted by a vote of 6 to 4. There was no opposition to the light on Sayward avenue, which had been approved by the committee, and it was unanimously ordered.

In taking leave of the subject, Ald. Williams directed attention to the necessity for a light on the Gorge road, near the city boundary.

Ald. Brydon suggested that the council order this, too, and the light asked for on Johnson street—the council seeming to care nothing for the views of the committee.

There being no estimates on the cost of installing these lights, the mayor ruled that such a suggestion could not be entertained.

Reports from the city engineer were next taken into consideration, the council finding itself with $1,734 available, and ordering the carrying out of the following works:

Surfacing street, between Douglas and Blanchard, at a total estimated cost of $710.00, surface draining not included.

Constructing box drain on Fourth street, at a cost of $50.

Constructing gravel sidewalk with wooden curb on Belcher street, between Vancouver and Cook, at an estimated cost of $60.

Constructing plank sidewalk on Cadboro Bay Road, west of Pemberton Road, at an estimated cost of $174.

Repairing streets in the Work Estate locality, at an estimated cost of $150.

Constructing a pipe drain on Cook street, to take the place of the present box drain, and which can be used as a sewer if necessary, at an estimated cost of $145.

Constructing a sidewalk on Terrace avenue, at an estimated cost of $24.

Constructing a sidewalk on Bellot street, from Cook street easterly, at an estimated cost of $29.

Owing to the exhaustion of the available funds, the following items were "laid over":

Repairing Delta and Gamma streets—in which connection the city engineer notes: "The streets in question are in very bad condition, but owing to the wet weather they could not be improved to advantage."

Improving Cutts street, at an estimated cost of $100.

Stone-surfacing Pandora street, at an estimated cost (without bringing to grade) of $500; or (with bringing to grade) of $760. On this point the city engineer had noted: "It will be necessary to blast more more rock on Johnson street before this work could be completed."

The special committee on Rock Bay bridge repairs presented their report, as follows:

"After due consideration of the urgent and necessary improvements of Rock Bay bridge, we have the honor to report and recommend as follows: That the proposed improvements and repairs upon the above bridge be carried out in accordance with the plans, etc., on file in the office of the city engineer; and in view of the fact that the present floor requires immediate renewal (which cannot be done until after the improvements are completed) the engineer go at once with the said plans to interview Mr. Joseph R. Coy, C.E., in order to explain all particulars in regard to the matter; and further in regard to the driving of extra piles and renewal of flooring, that the government be asked to act at once, as otherwise it may be necessary to close the bridge to vehicular traffic."

This was adopted without debate, as was also a report from the finance committee, providing for the payment of sundry weekly accounts to the amount of $6,061.41—which sum is inclusive of $72.50 for the special services of City Solicitor Bradburn in connection with the police commission inquiry; and $126.25 to the stenographer, F. C. Jones, for his attendance on that occasion.

A second report from the same committee covered $1,163, and was also adopted.

The motion of which the Mayor had given notice, providing for the employment of Mr. H. W. Sheppard as assistant police court prosecutor and Chinook interpreter at a salary of $600 per annum on his retirement from the office of chief of police, was fathered by Ald. Hayward and Stewart, and duly presented.

Explaining his recommendation in this regard, which was really a recommendation from the police commission, Mayor Redfern stated that in the past Chief Sheppard had assumed the duties of police court prosecutor and Chinook interpreter without charge to the city, although the customary fee to interpreters was $2.50 per case. He—and the other commissioners—was inclined to believe that the time of the Chief might perhaps be employed to greater advantage to the city than in conducting trivial police court cases; while a reference to the accounts for the past year showed that in the capacity of Chinook interpreter Mr. Sheppard had saved the city $240 in fees alone. The retiring chief had certainly shown marked ability in conducting the ordinary cases of the police court, and in view of his long service—unchallenged during 23 years past until the recent occasion precedent to his resignation, when he had erred more through good nature and kindness than aught else—it seemed not unreasonable to suggest that he be provided for in some such manner as contemplated by the resolution—particularly as it meant only an expenditure of $350 per year, aside from the average earned fees as interpreter. The proposed change would give the new chief enlarged scope for his other and more important duties, and he believed would work well for the city.

Ald. Humphrey declared his intention of voting against the resolution, not because he objected to an old servant of the city being provided for, nor yet because he was averse to the amount—but because he could not endorse the creation of new positions at the present time—while he would not object to the office being given on a fee basis.

Very much the same ground was taken by Ald. Cameron, who regarded it as establishing a bad precedent, particularly as the council was itself on the eve of retirement. He thought that the new chief and new council should have something to say in this matter, and would vote accordingly.

Ald. Williams regretted that the police commissioners had not arranged to have Mr. Sheppard retained as a gaoler or in some similar capacity, in addition to that of police court prosecutor and Chinook interpreter, the salary being thereby distributed. He could not agree with the proposal in the form in which it was offered.

Ald. Hayward concurred with the resolution, and thought that the matter of long and generally efficient service should have due weight. The police commissioners had raised the salary of the new chief to $125—indeed, public opinion would have endorsed the action if they had made it $150 per month; and he did not think that the public would have any complaint to offer if the appointment of Mr. Sheppard to be assistant police court prosecutor and interpreter at $600, was made as proposed.

Ald. Kinsman also supported the motion, with a compliment to Chief Sheppard for having given the best average service to the city of all the occupants of the office.

The resolution passed on a vote of 7 to 3, the Mayor with Ald. Kinsman, Williams, MacGregor, Brydon, Stewart and Hayward voting affirmative; and Ald. Beckwith, Humphrey and Cameron contra.

The formal motions providing for the nomination and election of members of the council and school boards, the dates being named as January 8 and January 11, were assented to without debate, and Messrs. William Dalby, George Glover, T. J. Dearberg and David Spragge being named as deputies of Returning Officer Northcott.

With regard to the Port Angeles ferry connection proposal, Ald. MacGregor moved, in accordance with his posted notice of intention, and with Ald. Williams as seconder:

"Whereas a by-law to provide a subsidy for the establishment of a car ferry and passenger steamboat service between Victoria and Port Angeles was drafted and laid before the board several months ago, at the requisition of 483 ratepayers, representing considerably more than the required amount of taxable real estate; and whereas a majority of the board have persistently refused to accede to the demand of the said ratepayers to place before them a by-law which, if passed, would insure the establishment of the said service, and have further obstructed its passage in altering and mutilating the measure, thereby rendering its provisions so onerous as to place it beyond the powers of the promoters of the scheme to comply with the requirements of the by-law; and whereas the promoters of the scheme decline to accept the by-law in its present form, and have expressed a wish to have it withdrawn: Be it therefore resolved that this board, having declined to meet the request of the petitioning ratepayers that the said by-law be and the same is hereby withdrawn from further consideration by the board."

Ald. Beckwith looked upon this as a remarkable motion for any alderman to offer, and promptly introduced an amendment stating in effect that whereas the completion of the by-law in question had been delayed from time to time to meet the convenience of the promoters, that the council should resume consideration of the measure, with the Mayor as chairman.

Ald. Kinsman advised that useless motions and discussions should drop. The council had business to transact, and his advice was to take the vote without unprofitable debate.

Ald. MacGregor distinctly opposed a silent vote. He had not expected, he said, that his motion would be palatable, yet it was distinctly in accordance with the record of facts. He proceeded to trace the history of the Port Angeles project since its inception to the council; contending that the by-law as existing after its many alterations by the council, was an impossible one, such an one as had not been asked for by the citizens and in distinct contrast to the ironclad, clean-cut proposition presented originally at the request of ratepayers. As it now stood, the promoters of the connection would have nothing to do with the by-law at double the amount of subsidy. As introducer of the by-law, he believed he had a perfect right to withdraw it—

The Mayor—With consent of the council.

There would be no difficulty about the withdrawal, Ald. MacGregor contended—had not the resolution been so "pointedly" drafted.

"Had it not been for the string of unjustifiable insinuations," observed Ald. Beckwith.

Ald. MacGregor retorted that Ald. Bekwith's amendment was in accord with the insults that gentleman had offered to the promoters of the ferry on the occasion of their recent visit.

Ald. Beckwith denied any insults, and

Ald. Hayward asked that the mover of the amendment state his reasons for asking for the return of the by-law to committee, now that it was well understood that it could not be proceeded with. Did the alderman propose to evince repentance, and vote to increase the subsidy or remove the objectionable conditions?

Ald. Williams agreed with Ald. Hayward, and accused Ald. Beckwith of changing front on the Angeles proposal. He challenged him to explain the meaning of his amendment.

Thus invited, Ald. Beckwith repudiated any inconsistency, and asserted that while he had been prepared to endorse a substantial subsidy for the Angeles connection—he had indeed seconded Ald. Hayward's motion that the amount be fixed at $12,500,—he had objected to the conditions of the by-law as presented, believing them to but insufficiently safeguard the interests of Victoria and Victorians. He believed that the by-law, as drafted, was so insecure that the company, while living up to the letter of the obligation sufficiently to secure the subsidy, might give a service that would be of no value to Victoria. He denied, too, that the council had at any time declined to put the by-law before the people—indeed his present motion was to be taken as more in that direction than the proposal of the introducer, Ald. MacGregor, to withdraw it.

The amendment being offered to the vote was carried—on a 6 to 4 vote, the Mayor with Ald. Cameron, Humphrey, Brydon, Beckwith and Stewart voting "aye," and Ald. Hayward, Kinsman, Williams and MacGregor in opposition.

The by-law being thus returned to committee, His Worship inquired:

"What are you going to do now—the promoters say they cannot go on with this by-law?"

"I move that the committee rise," said Ald. Stewart.

And this being passed, the by-law was killed—not withdrawn.

The formal by-law recommended by the Mayor, to provide for the continuation of the loan arranged to meet the court deposit required for the two adversely decided Point Ellice bridge damage suits, was passed through its various stages, and carried, the Mayor explaining that it was merely for the return of the sum involved to the general revenue of the year, and its carrying until such time as the settlement of all the bridge claims should be taken up.

At the suggestion of the city's legal representatives, the by-law is provided with a life of not more than five years, although with the option of lifting prior to this date at any time.

"Of course we don't intend," observed the Mayor, "that these matters shall be allowed to hang all the time."

It was a quarter to 11 when the Victoria & Sidney Railway Extension by-law was presented for second reading by Ald. Beckwith, and Ald. Hayward suggested that so important a matter should be reserved for a special evening when the council should be fresh for the task.

Ald. Beckwith thought that the second reading might proceed, and discussion come at the committee stage.

The majority were against him, however, and the difficulty was finally met by an adjournment of the board until to-morrow evening at 8, when this by-law will monopolize attention.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

The School Board Arranges for the Christmas Holidays—A Reading Competition.

The public school board, which like the council was attended by all members, first gave consideration to a kindly proposal from Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, M. P. P., to present "The Illustrated History of Great Britain" for competition in the city schools for reading. The conditions suggested were:

"Competition to be open to all the first divisions of the city schools, and to be held next midsummer; each school competing to send ten representatives, and the result to be judged on the best average, not on the best individual reading; the prize becoming the property of the school, and being retained as a work of reference."

This offer, with its conditions, was accepted with thanks, and the board proceeded to the completion of preparations for the closing exercises in the various schools next Friday forenoon, the usual opening and closing hours of the session being observed on this occasion—the schools opening at 9:30 and dismissing at 12—and special visiting trustees being selected as hereunder:

North Ward—Mr. McCandless.
Hillside School—Mrs. G. Grant.
Victoria West—Dr. Hall.
High School—Mr. Belyea.
Spring Ridge—Mr. Marchant.
Boys' Central—City Superintendent Eaton.
Kingston Street and South Park—Mr. McMicking.
Girls' Central—Mrs. W. Grant.

The North Ward school announce that, although their term ends at noon Friday, they will have a programme of general character for the entertainment of their friends in the afternoon, commencing at 1:30; while at 2 o'clock in the High school there will be a presentation of the Governor-General's medals by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor.

Miss Tingley and Miss Anderson, pupil teachers of the past term, were reappointed for the ensuing term at salaries of $10 per month; and the preparation and publication of the annual report was placed in the hands of the school management committee.

Having requested the city superintendent to report upon the relative advantages of the vertical system of penmanship, the board adjourned, after first passing sundry small accounts.

HE ACTED ON "PRINCIPLE."

George G. Campbell Explains Why He Became an Informer in a Liquor Case.

Investigation of a charge of Sunday liquor selling, preferred against Mrs. Dora Voss as licensee of the Queen's hotel, opened yesterday in the city police court, the magistrate having declined to dismiss the information on Saturday last when there was no appearance of the prosecutor. The information in this case, it may be noted, is not laid by any member of the police department, but by George G. Campbell, a carpenter who at the time the offence is alleged to have been committed, was a guest at the Queen's, and considerably in arrears on his board account.

Campbell was the only witness examined yesterday, and made oath to the information, which in effect wos of an illegal sale of a glass of beer on the 17th of September last, during hours prohibited by the Liquor Traffic Regulation Act. Specifically, Campbell deposed that on the Sunday morning in question, he had had an engagement with another guest of the house, Mr. Davis, between 8 and 9 o'clock; had met Mr. Davis, and at his (Davis') invitation had entered the barroom for the purpose of having a drink. They had been served by the bartender, Copeland, with two glasses of beer, for which Davis paid ten cents; and they had drunk the beer.

Davis, the prosecutor explained, had not come to court, because he "didn't want to have anything to do with the case." He understood that Davis had left the city; in any event he had refused to be a witness. As for dates and particulars—Campbell was prepared to speak with positiveness from the fact that he had kept a diary since going to work for the Chemical company, by whom he was still employed when despite the twinges of conscience, he took this particular glass of beer on the 17th of September. He had not come to the police court on Saturday in consequence of having been "approached" not to go on with the case; and, indeed, had sent his brother-in-law Crompton to the city hall to stop the case, although Crompton had failed to see the chief and accomplish this result.

Questioned as to his relations with the hotel, Campbell admitted that at the 7th of the month, he had owed $36 for board. He had some time before given an order for $22.50 on account; but the management of the house had been unable to collect it. His trunk had been held pending a settlement of the board bill, but when he had got work at Chemainus, he had been permitted to remove such tools and clothing as he required. He declared with positiveness that he had not instituted the present proceedings in consequence of the detention of the trunk until the board bill was satisfied.

"I swear," he said, "that I did not lay this charge from spite, but on principle. I am opposed to Sunday drinking."

Being further examined, Campbell denied having told Jack Rae that he would pay the Queen's bill when he got good and ready, at the same time exhibiting a roll of bank bills. Nor had he said that he would "get the house pulled" unless permitted to take his trunk without a settlement. Last Monday he had asked Mr. Laurenz for his bill, and it had been given to him, the amount being $14.40. He had then said that he wouldn't pay it until he saw his clothes; and Mr. Laurenz had said that he could not see his clothes until he paid his bill. He had been under the impression that an overcharge of $1 had been made. He was prepared to admit that he had said to Mr. Laurenz that he could "pull the house" on two charges, Mr. Laurenz had replied that he might "go ahead and pull." The two charges he had meant were—one for Sunday selling; and the other something that he did not now care to mention. The Sunday selling that he had at that time had in mind was in July last.

The evidence of Campbell was concluded yesterday, and other witnesses will be heard when the case goes on to-day—the police having been specially requested to introduce Mr. Davis to the court.

PERSONAL.

S. Tingley of Ashcroft, is registered at the Driard.

C. H. Dickie and wife, of Duncans, are at the Victoria.

C. B. Manis, of Nanaimo, registered at the Victoria last evening.

William Lorimer was a passenger to Vancouver by the Charmer this morning. Mr. Lorimer goes to the Terminal City in connection with the transfer of some of his mining properties on the West Coast to a Vancouver syndicate.

Capt. Chas. Moore, of the Canadian Development Company's steamer Canadian, accompanied by Capt. R. Purdy, of New Westminster, are spending a few days in the city and are registered at the Dominion.

Galiano Island is well represented at the Dominion hotel in the persons of J. W. Rudd, R. A. Wright and Hector Ouelette.

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"BRITANNIA AND DAUGHTERS."

Enjoyable Rendition of the Patriotic Cantata Last Evening.

The choir of the First Presbyterian church last evening scored a distinct success in their rendition of the patriotic cantata "Britannia and Her Daughters." Although in some of the selections the chorus was rather unevenly balanced, the numbers were attacked with that vigor and dash that makes all selections of a patriotic nature provocative of enthusiasm.

The platform had been enlarged especially for the event, and seats erected for the chorus, while above in graceful folds hung flags and streamers indicative of the vast length and breadth of the British Empire. The part of Britannia was throughout ably sustained by Miss Munsie, while that of Canada was well taken by Miss Scowcroft, her rendition of "The Bird That Leaves the Parent Nest" being especially enjoyable. Glorious India was well represented by Miss Gilchrist, and South Africa, at present all important, by Miss F. Fraser. Britain's possessions beneath the Southern Cross, Australia and New Zealand, were represented by Misses L. Baker and Fields.

The entire cantata was rendered in costume, some of the attendants being particularly appropriately dressed.

An innovation during the evening was the rendition of the old melody, "Listen to the Mocking Bird," in the native tongue by an original descendant of the famous Oneida warrior, "Chief Rocking Horse," attired in all the glory of the primitive costume. All the performers acquitted themselves in a meritorious manner, reflecting considerable credit on the training received by them from the choir leader and director, Mr. J. G. Brown. Throughout the evening Mrs. Lewis Hall acceptably acted in the capacity of accompanist.

Preceding the cantata was a physical drill executed with much precision by the Boys' Brigade.

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Postponed for a Day.—The meeting of the B. C. Board of Trade Council, which had been arranged for this evening, has been postponed until to-morrow (Wednesday) at the same hour of eight.

Christmas Cheer.—In accordance with established custom, corporation checks for $25 each are being sent to-day to the following charitable institutions: The Jubilee and St. Joseph's hospitals; the Protestant and Roman Catholic orphanages; the B. C. Benevolent Society, and the Friendly Help.

No Second Ball.—The Fifth Regiment ball committee met last evening at the Drill hall for the purpose of arranging for the repetition of the ball so successfully held last week; but as news was received to-day that a second Canadian contingent will be sent to South Africa and as this will necessitate the hall being used for military purposes, the contemplated repetition of the ball was called off and the decorations removed.

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Re William Henry Flewin, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of the above named deceased are requested to send particulars thereof with a statement of any securities (if any) held by them, and all parties indebted to the estate to pay the amount of their indebtedness, and any person having any deeds or other documents in hand belonging to the deceased to send the same to the undersigned forthwith.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS

ROSSLAND.

In Sunset No. 2, on the 100-foot level, in a crosscut at a point 250 feet from No. 3 shaft, there has been encountered a ledge, which was known last evening to be 12 feet wide. The ore so far found in the ledge is mixed, but throughout it are large bunches of ore that appear to carry considerable copper and gold. The general direction of the find from the shaft is southwest. The find is on what is known as No. 3 vein. The ledge is in place, and the formation on the hanging wall is diorite. The ore in the ledge is in large bunches and there is considerable of it. No assays have yet been made, but Mr. Drewry thinks it is of a payable grade. The ledge on which the find was made can be traced on the surface for a distance of fully 2,000 feet. It runs from near the shaft-house up and over the other side of the peak that towers high above that building. For a distance of 150 feet from where the find was made, Deer Park mountain rises very abruptly, and for each foot of drifting two feet of depth will be gained. Should the ledge prove continuous and the ore grow more solid and be less mixed, the find should prove one of great value. Work was resumed yesterday in a crosscut running in a northwesterly direction. This crosscut has been driven a distance of 82 feet towards vein No. 2. It has been opened by a shaft which has reached a depth of 68 feet, and the ledge is 4½ feet wide. It will be tapped by the crosscut from No. 3 shaft at a depth of 270 feet. Work is being pushed and 27 men are at work in the Sunset.

A six-drill compressor plant has been ordered in Chicago for the Abe Lincoln, and is now on its way to Rossland. The Abe Lincoln is situated on Deer Park mountain, adjoining the Sunset No. 2 on the west. The development consists of a main shaft 150 feet deep, also shafts of 43 feet, 12 feet and 10 feet. There are three leads in a porphyry dike, and the average values are $28 per ton in gold and copper. As soon as the plant is in position the development of the Abe Lincoln will be re-commenced.

In the Monte Cristo mine men are at work stoping ore. It is the intention to ship about two carloads of ore a day to the smelter.

Mr. Frank D. Howe, of Spokane, the mining engineer, will arrive in Rossland on Saturday, and will leave soon thereafter for the Boundary Creek country, for the purpose of reporting on the property of the Kettle River Mines, Limited, on the north fork of the Kettle river. Mr. S. Thornton Langley will accompany him. After Mr. Howe has finished with his examination of the Kettle River Mines property he will visit and examine the properties of the Okanogan Free Gold Mines, for which company he is consulting engineer.—Miner, Dec. 15.

NELSON.

A committee made up of Alderman Beer, Dr. Hall, A. Ferland, P. Lamont and M. DesBrisay waited on Ald. McKillop on Saturday and urged him to become a candidate for mayor. It is said that Ald. McKillop asked until Tuesday to consider the question.

W. R. Jarvis returned from Revelstoke on Saturday evening with his bride. Upon his return he was made the recipient of a handsome dinner service and a check from the civic employees.

The tramway company is ready to test its system preparatory to commencing operations. The power is now ready to be tapped at the company's sub-station, and if the cars and the bonds respond satisfactorily to the initial test, a start will be made to-day or to-morrow.

The secretary of the Nelson lacrosse hockey team has received a communication from Rossland to the effect that the formation of the proposed hockey league depends upon the nature of the replies received from the Nelson Hockey Club and the Boundary clubs, neither of whom have as yet responded.

Charles Plowman, who recently sold the John A. and Treadwell group to Rene Sandi, of London, left yesterday for London, Eng. Mr. Plowman has secured several bonds on Kootenay properties, and will induce capitalists to take them up when he arrives in the metropolis; and in addition to these he is the owner of a claim near Kaslo, and has accepted favorable terms for the selling of the same to a strong company about to be incorporated to work it in conjunction with five or six more claims in the same group. This new group of claims is situated on the south fork of Kaslo creek, and it is said to be the intention of the company to commence operations at an early date and continue work throughout the winter. It is reported that there are excellent showings, and development will give good results. It is Mr. Plowman's intention to return to Nelson about March or April next, and will probably reside here as the representative of capitalists, who will secure Kootenay properties to develop them.—Tribune, Dec. 11.

GREENWOOD.

Greenwood, Dec. 11.—At Camp McKinney there is good-looking ore on the drift of the crosscut on the Sailor, very similar to that of the Waterloo and parts of the Cariboo. The new vein on the strike is five feet wide and was made at 40 feet on the drift at 75-foot level. They are going to sink to the 150-foot level and drift again. The company will probably put in a compressor plant in the spring. A complete assaying plant has been installed.

The Kamloops is putting in a steam hoist similar to that of the Sailor, and will drift for the Minnehaha vein. There is nice looking ore on the 200-foot level. The mill is all ready, but delay is being experienced on account of some of the machinery being delayed on the way from Peterborough.

The Lemon, about two miles east of Camp McKinney and owned by Omaha parties, has ordered a five-stamp mill from Hamilton. The Rover, owned by the same company, is sinking, and is now down 40 feet to catch the Sailor lead.

The big strike on the Dayton claim, between the forks of Rock creek, has created a great deal of excitement, and parties are constantly going out to see the property and bringing back specimens. The ore is exceedingly rich, and there is said to be about eight feet of the vein. The owners are holding it at $60,000.

It is rumored that there is a deal on in the East for the Granite and Banner properties at Camp McKinney.

The Deadwood Gold Copper Co. have made an important strike on the St. Lawrence mineral claim, which joins the Mother Lode on the north. They started a week or 10 days ago to do surface work and have disclosed a very fine showing of surface ore similar in character to that of the Mother Lode. The width has not yet been determined. The men are now engaged in stripping the vein, but 12 or 15 feet of fine looking ore has been disclosed. It is supposed that the St. Lawrence has a continuation of the Mother Lode vein.

A bylaw to grant a bonus of $3,600 to the B. C. Copper Co. smelter, Greenwood, will be voted on on the 28th December. The bylaw will not, however, go into effect until a year from that date, and the money is not to be paid until 36,000 tons of ore have been smelted.

At a meeting of the council last night a letter was read from the minister of mines with reference to the application of the city to obtain permission to build tramways outside the city limits to the various mining camps. The letter stated that it would not be proper to make this a government measure, but that the different members of the government would not have any object in opposing, unless some provisions were put in the bill that were likely to do injustice to other parties. Speaking for himself he thought it would be a good scheme although in his opinion the municipality was exceeding its powers in undertaking such work, which should be left to private parties. It is likely that the project will be dropped.

A petition signed by 350 citizens, members of the Carpenters' Union and others, was presented to the council praying for the establishment of a free library and asking that a portion of the new City hall be set apart for the purpose. The petition was referred to a committee of three aldermen to report on at the regular meeting. This matter has already been advocated in the local press and in all probability the petition will go into effect.

Clarence King, the youth committed for forging a number of checks in this city, who had been committed for trial and was about to be sent to Kamloops, last night effected an escape from goal and has not yet been found. King was in shackles and it is supposed that in the afternoon while cutting wood he broke the steel links with the axe and tied them together with string and then waited his opportunity to make a dash for liberty. He is a youth of about eighteen and his parents live at Fernie, B.C.

James Dale, one of the owners of the Carmi, west fork, came to Greenwood on Monday and on Monday morning received the first payment on the bond of $25,000 from the Bunker Hill and Sullivan Milling and Mining Co., Coeur d'Alene. The company has had a force of six men at work all summer prospecting the claim and sinking a shaft. It is understood that the force has been increased and that development will be prosecuted vigorously all winter.

It is understood also that Dale and his partner, have bonded the Butcher Boy, adjoining the Carmi for $50,000 to the same company. The Butcher Boy is on the same lead.

Gus Wheatly, west fork, has returned from Nelson, where it is understood he was negotiating a deal for his pre-emption townsite. It lies between Bendell and Beaverton. W. H. Rambo left Greenwood this week to work on his claim, the North Star, on Cranberry creek, which adjoins the Boston group owned in Greenwood.

James McGregor, mining inspector, is in the City hospital dangerously ill with pneumonia. He had been in the city for some days feeling not at all well and suffering from la grippe. On Monday evening of last week he was removed to the hospital. His physician hopes that his vigorous constitution will pull him through.

Fred Oliver, manager of the Morrison mine, has returned from Spokane. He is going to actively develop the Greyhound, a property in Deadwood camp, which has great surface showings. Machinery has been shipped from Rossland and the work of sinking the shaft to the 100-feet level will be proceeded with at once. The Greyhound is likely to prove another Mother Lode from present appearances.

GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, Dec. 12.—O. M. Rosendale of Nelson is considering the advisability of establishing extensive sampling works here. During a recent visit here inspected various sites, and before his departure announced his intention of returning within a few days.

Alexander Dick, the well known Rossland mining expert, on behalf of prominent capitalists, made a complete examination last week of the Pathfinder mine on the north fork of Kettle river. A deal for the purchase of the property, it is understood, is impending. Mr. Dick stated that it would be premature to give any details at this juncture.

Grand Forks will have a music hall early in the new year. The franchise has already been secured, and the work of constructing suitable buildings will be commenced without delay.

J. D. Graves, general manager of the Granby Smelter Co., and the Old Ironsides and Knob Hill companies, has left for Montreal, where he will spend the next six weeks.

Owing to the impassable condition of the roads the stage service between here and Bossburg has been temporarily suspended.

Major R. G. Edwards Leckie, general manager of the Republic mine, on behalf of McCuaig, Rykert & Co., of Montreal, has purchased from E. Spraggett, the Yankee Girl and Yankee Boy mine on Hardy mountain, two and a half miles from Grand Forks. The consideration involved was $25,000.

NICOLA.

Nicola Lake, Dec. 11.—Another light snow fall whitened the plain last night and more can be seen approaching on the distant hills.

Several farmers have been busy threshing during the past few weeks, but our genial friend Jack and his stalwart crew have about completed their labors for the present season.

The Columbia & Western Railway camp is now located on the Gilmore ranch, about two miles east of the town. There are about 20 in the camp, composed of engineer, surveyor, transit man, draughtsmen, choppers, chain men, steward, cooks, bottlewashers, etc., all a jolly, robust lot of fellows as one would wish to see, and their huge canvas tents, commodious and orderly kept, present the appearance on the outside of a travelling circus. The wages paid range from $100 a month to $40, according to occupation, which includes board and lodging, and from the appearance in the well stocked larder of fine beef, ducks, potatoes, beans, etc., the "inner" man is well provided for. The line is located now as far as the Forks, and passes about half a mile to the south of this place. At an elevation of about 300 feet it winds around the hill to the south of the Pooley ranch, over the top of the rocky plateau, and gradually creeps down the hill side until Mr. Charter's ranch is reached, near the Iron Mountain, where it strikes the flat of the Nicola Valley for the first time, and goes right through Bell's beautiful flower garden. As this is in the vicinity of the coal fields no doubt a townsite will be selected near by, and a town of some importance will spring up as soon as they get the line permanently located and their "charters" all right. The engineer, Mr. England, informs your correspondent that the camp will remain at Nicola for another week or ten days, when it will move down to the Forks, about eight miles distant. Mr. Starnes, the paymaster, supply man and general commissioner of the force, is staying at the Driard, which he will make his headquarters during the winter.

Mr. E. Waterman and wife, also Mr. Hall, of Princeton, came in on to-night's stage. The two former are en route to Monta Rosa, California, to winter at their beautiful fruit ranch in the sunny clime of the golden state. Mr. Hall is on his way to Rossland and expects to return in a couple of weeks. He says Bob Stevenson, the veteran miner of the Similkameen, has returned from his eastern trip loaded with eastern shekels, and more to follow.

Dr Sutton and James Neun, of Nicola Lake, have for some time past been experimenting on the construction of a new acetyline lamp and a convenient plant for supplying the same. After several models and improvements they think they have at last got exactly the thing they wanted, and now we expect to see coal oil lamps, and troublesome chimneys abandoned as relics of a past and darkened age, to be supplanted by the more illustrious glow of the acetyline lamp. We extend hearty congratulations to our fellow townsmen on the successful achievement of their skill and enterprise and hope that Fortune, that is, the old lady herself, may knock loudly at their door.

Messrs. J. Guichon and E. O'Rourke, of Quilchena, have already abandoned the use of coal oil, and now their palatial residences each glow brilliantly with a score or more acetyline jets. The plant was obtained from Eastern Canada and the plumbing was the skilful workmanship of our esteemed townsman, D. J. MacGregor.

Mr. H. Woodward, of Lower Nicola, has returned from a trip to Lower California, where he spent about a year among the palms and orange groves of the sunny south. His impression of that fruitful district is that its advantages are greatly over-estimated, and after all it lacks many of the pleasures and benefits to be found in our northerly and more healthy climes.—Kamloops Sentinel.

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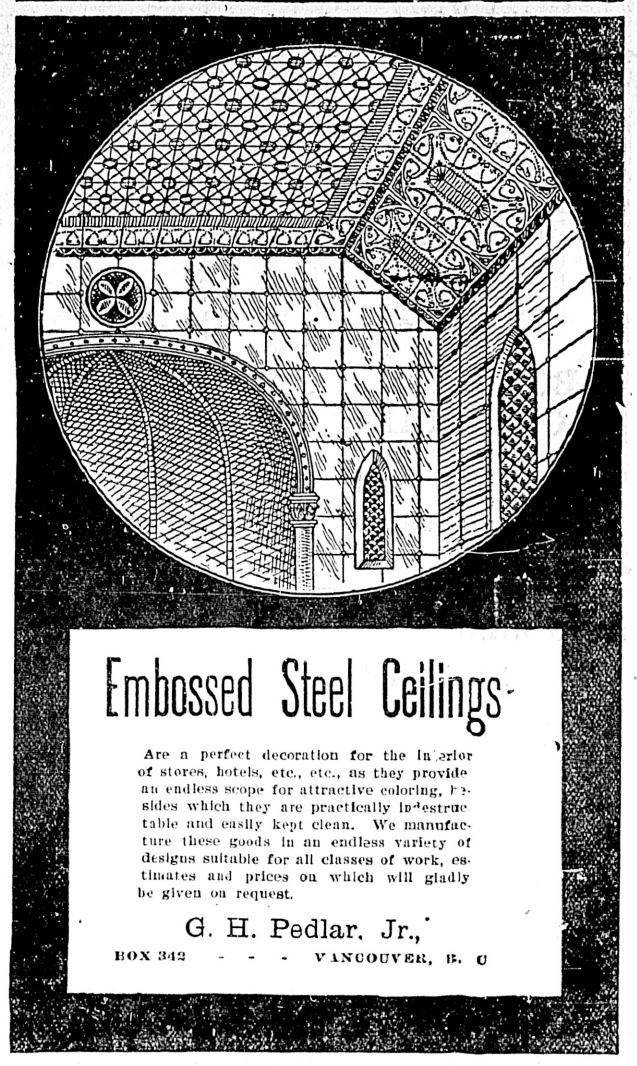

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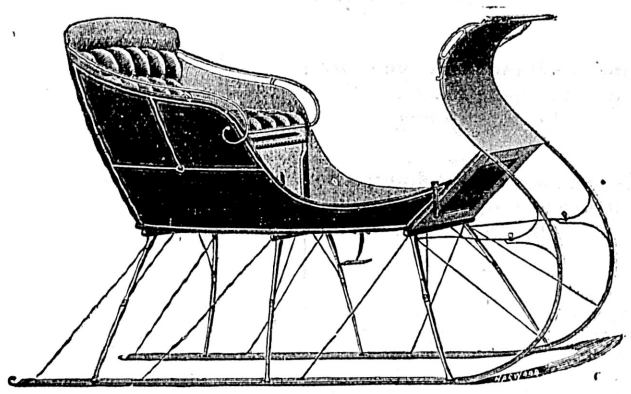

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THE WEATHER.

Meterological Office,
Victoria, Dec. 18.—8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.

The area of low pressure is again filling up over this province and the Pacific Coast states. Maximum temperatures west of the Cascades range from 34 to 52, and east of the Cascades from 16 to 30. The weather has been generally clear. In the Canadian Northwest the high area is gradually sinking and temperatures have risen; fresh to the southern portion.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	35	44
New Westminster	30	38
Kamloops	4	24
Barkerville	8	26
Calgary	—10	32
Winnipeg	—12	6
Portland, Ore.	36	46
San Francisco	42	52

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time) Saturday: D.4 ARA
Tuesday:

Victoria and Vicinity—Northerly and easterly winds; partly fair, with occasional rain.

Lower Mainland—Light winds; partly cloudy, with occasional rain.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, Dec. 17.

5 a.m.	33	Mean	35
Noon	35	Highest	39
5 p.m.	38	Lowest	31

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. 8 miles north.
Noon. Calm.
5 p.m. 4 miles east.

Average state of weather—Partly fair.

Rain and melted snow—.04 inch.

Sunshine—1 hour 18 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed 29.966
Corrected 29.996

MONDAY, Dec. 18.

	Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m.	41	Mean	39
Noon	43	Highest	44
5 p.m.	42	Lowest	35

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. 6 miles southeast.
Noon. 5 miles north.
5 p.m. Calm.

Average state of weather—Fair.

Sunsine—1 hour 36 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed 30.344
Corrected 30.369

Chamberlain In Dublin.

Students Make Confering of Degree Occasion of a Patriotic Demonstration.

Their Union Jack Captured by Police So Corporation Green Flag Destroyed.

By Associated Press.

Dublin, Dec. 18.—The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, at Trinity College today. There was a brilliant assemblage at the ceremony. The undergraduates gathered on the college grounds and sang patriotic songs. Then they sallied to the college green, cheering vociferously and carrying the Royal Standard and Union Jack. The latter was captured by the police, much to the annoyance of the students, who made a demonstration at the Mansion House, where they tore the green corporation flag to shreds and caused other damage. The police were forced to interfere, and the students returned to the college in an ugly mood. The students made a desperate effort to re-capture the Union Jack, but the police were too strong for them. In the meantime a hostile crowd assembled on the college green, and more stringent measures were taken to keep the students within the gates.

Mr. Chamberlain and his wife and Lady Betty Balfour, when driving to the college, were cheered at some points, but there was a noticeable difference of opinion among the crowds lining the streets. While the procession was passing from the provost's residence to "Examination Hall" the cheering was deafening. The students lined the passages and held aloft Union Jacks, under which the procession passed. Mr. Chamberlain appeared to thoroughly enjoy the demonstration.

As the procession entered the hall all present arose and cheered Mr. Chamberlain. At the close of the ceremony Mr. Chamberlain, in response to the crys of the students, said they had met under very disappointing circumstances. If the arrangements had been recent, he added, he would not have chosen the present as the occasion to receive the honor from the university. Their minds, Mr. Chamberlain continued, were solemnized by the serious news from Africa, but England always has been accustomed to hold her own in adversity. He would have them remember the Crimea and the earlier period of the Indian Mutiny, when England met with greater disasters than she had just experienced, but eventually the nation sprang to its feet and recovered its equanimity, and no doubt it would do so again. In conclusion Mr. Chamberlain exhorted the students, now that he was one of their doctors, to practise the virtues of toleration and patience.

The students who attacked the Mansion House numbered about 150. They beat the caretaker, who attempted to protect the corporation flag.

VENEZUELAN FIGHTING.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 18.—President Castro's troops have occupied Maracaibo, ousting Gen. Hernandez's party without fighting. This has produced a good impression throughout the republic.

THE POISONING TRIAL.

New York, Dec. 18.—The Molineux trial was continued to-day. Kinsley, the handwriting expert, was again cross-examined by Barlow S. Weeks. No other witness was examined during the day.

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Victoria West Wide-Awake.

Is First in Line in the Discussion of the Approaching Municipal Elections.

Meeting Opposes Mayor Redfern and Endorses Ald. Beckwith and Bryden

As was anticipated, the meeting of the electors of Victoria West held in Semple's hall last evening for the purpose of organizing for the approaching municipal elections, resulted in the citizens of that wide-awake section of the city determining upon making Victoria West grievances an issue in the approaching contest. Candidates for aldermanic honors, not only in the North Ward, but also in the South and Central wards, will be required to accept a platform agreeable to Victoria West if they wish support from those whom the residents of that section are able to influence. A vote expressing confidence in Aldermen Beckwith and Brydon was carried unanimously, as also was one pledging the electors to oppose the candidature of Mayor Redfern.

Owing to the inadequate manner in which the meeting had been advertised, the attendance was smaller than would otherwise have been the case.

Mr. Beaumont Boggs acted as chairman. In opening Mr. Boggs stated that the object of the meeting was to hear the report of the committee appointed to confer with Attorney-General Henderson in connection with the Craigflower road matter, and the mayor and aldermen in regard to affairs generally affecting Victoria West. Mr. Boggs explained briefly the result of these conferences. The committee had impressed upon the local government the necessity of gazetting the Craigflower road as crown land, and there is a likelihood of this being done. The meeting, however, the chairman explained, was mainly for the purpose of considering what steps should be taken by the residents of Victoria West in connection with the approaching municipal elections. He thought it was the duty of Victoria West citizens to stand together in the support or opposition of candidates.

Thomas Redding moved and Mr. Fawcett seconded the following resolution:

"That in the opinion of this meeting we have full confidence in Aldermen Beckwith and Brydon; that our interests will be safeguarded by them and a fair share of civic moneys be spent where most needed in this section; and we pledge them our support and influence."

C. W. Jenkinson thought the resolution should be supported. They should stick to those who had stuck to Victoria West. The aldermen mentioned had done their best for Victoria West. Any candidates coming forward should be asked to meet the wishes of the citizens of that section—a section of the city which was improving very rapidly, and speedily increasing in population and importance. Both the aldermen mentioned had safeguarded their interests to the best of their ability, and should be supported.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. Jenkinson then moved and Mr. Thomas Gold seconded the following resolution:

"That a committee be appointed to canvass the candidates for aldermanic honors in the Centre and South wards in our interests, and recommend nominations at our next meeting."

Mr. Jenkinson, in support of the resolution, felt that while it was apparent that special attention should be given to the North ward, the other wards should also be looked after, and a committee be appointed for that purpose. Some voters in Victoria West have votes in all the wards, and considerable influence could no doubt be exercised if the matter was gone about properly. Mr. Fawcett also spoke briefly in support of the resolution, which was carried without a dissenting voice. A committee consisting of J. Coigdaripne, C. W. Jenkinson, Percy Brown, Thomas Fawcett, Thomas Gold, Capt. Gaudin and Beaumont Boggs was then appointed in accordance with the resolution, the committee to meet at the call of the chair.

A brief discussion ensued in regard to the recent appropriations for street repairs decided upon at the last special meeting of the council.

Mr. Frank Hinds then moved the following resolution:

"Whereas during the past year Mr. Charles E. Redfern, acting in his capacity as mayor of the city, has most persistently opposed the wishes of a very large majority of the ratepayers of Victoria West, entailing on them an expenditure of $800, and much annoyance, in their effort to maintain right of thoroughfare over Craigflower road: Resolved, that this meeting strongly opposes his candidature."

Malcolm Dunnett seconded the resolution, which was received with loud applause and unanimously carried.

The question of what action should be taken in regard to the election of school trustee was brought up by Chairman Boggs, but it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the committee appointed earlier in the evening, to report on.

The Chairman spoke of the advisability of the electors reserving pledges to candidates until after the next meeting, which observation seemed to meet with the approval of those present.

After deciding that the committee of citizens which has labored so long on matters affecting the interests of that section, should exist until after the civic elections, the meeting adjourned.

LORD ROBERTS' APPOINTMENT.

No Reflection on Buller but Natural Sequence of Enlarged Operations in Africa.

London, Dec. 18.—Gen. Lord Roberts and his staff will sail for South Africa on the Dunottar Castle on Saturday.

Referring to Roberts' appointment as commander in chief a semi-official communication says: "The disposition to regard the change as a reflection on Gen. Buller is entirely erroneous. As forces in South Africa increase, officers of higher rank are appointed to supreme command."

The communication instances the successive steps from Generals Symons to White, then Buller, now Roberts.

It may be that the ministers see greater peril in the possible Kaffir uprising. Indeed, rumors in this direction are already current, and it is certain such a rising would be infinitely more serious than any rebellion of the Dutch Republics.

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Seals Must Still Suffer.

The Cruel Branding Operations to be Continued by the United States.

Collector Milne Protests to the Imperial and Federal Authorities.

There is a likelihood of the celebrated sealing dispute between Great Britain and the United States again coming to the front in an unexpected manner. When the local fleet returned from last season's cruise in Behring Sea, heart-rending stories were told of the cruelty inflicted upon the poor seals on the Pribyloff islands by the branding operations employed by the United States government. Seals caught by a number of the returning sealers bore wounds of a sickening character, Capt. Sieward having captured one poor animal the back of which had been burned so deeply by the branding irons that the spinal bones were visible. The indignation aroused by the circulation of such reports does not seem to have troubled the consciences of those responsible for such dastardly conduct in the least, for in accordance with an official order of the United States government, the branding operations are now to be pursued with renewed vigor.

The secretary of the interior in the Washington government in his annual report, says in regard to the Alaskan seal fisheries:

"Pelagic sealing still continues in Behring sea in spite of the vigilant patrol maintained by the revenue cutters. In order to prove the proprietary rights of the United States in the seals, the branding of them should be continued. Hitherto the branding has been done with inferior apparatus, and consequently is not very effective. Men who are experts in the business should be employed to do this work, and be supplied with the most recent electrical appliances for branding, such as those used by the stockmen on the Western plains of the United States. The North American Commercial Company has under its contract with the government taken about 16,520 seals during the year."

A Colonist reporter yesterday interviewed a number of local sealers and collector of customs A. R. Milne, in regard to the above statement. While none were surprised that a continuation of the cruel branding operations would be insisted upon by the United States government, all were loud in denunciation of such inhuman methods. Collector Milne was no less outspoken than the sealing captains—and there were few men who know more about seals and sealing than that courteous official. In an interview with the Colonist, the collector said he could conceive of but one motive actuating the United States authorities in persisting in their atrocious branding operations among the seal herds—that of desiring to destroy the marketable value of the seals branded. But their operations were in his opinion calculated to have a far more wide-reaching effect, viz: that of driving the seals altogether from northern waters. Seals are known to be easily frightened, and extremely nervous and irritable, and in proof of this statement the collector cited the fact that according to the sealing captains at the conclusion of last season's voyage the large seal herds were found in an entirely new quarter, evidently having been driven from their old haunts since the commencement of the branding operations. Branded seals have also been found on the Japanese coast, which proves conclusively that that animal travels long distances and is in no sense a permanent inhabitant of one locality. Collector Milne also mentioned as an indication that the seals may be expected to leave the Pribyloff islands where the sealing operations are carried, in the fact that when about 15 years ago a company commenced the work of saving the seal oil on one of the islands in the north, the whole herd at once left the locality.

So indignant is Collector Milne at the continuation by the United States government of the barbarous branding operations, he has already made recommendations to the Imperial and Federal authorities on the subject. Under date of November 29 he wrote to the department of marine and fisheries, Ottawa:

"The locality where seals were found most numerous was northwest instead of northeast of the Pribyloff islands, as formerly, but no particular reason was given for this change—only the movement of the food fish, although some assign the reason to the disturbance of the seals on the islands of St. Paul and St. George; and it appeared to them that the seals were looking for new homes on the islands adjacent to the mainland of Alaska. It has also been reported to me that some seals were taken by the sealing vessels which had been branded by the electric machine adapted for that purpose, and which was used on the Pribyloff islands, by authority of the United States government. The observations made to me by many sealers in regard to the appearance of the seals taken, and which had survived the branding operation, were that the wounds made by the brand presented a most inhuman aspect, the sores presenting a most offensive appearance."

Collector Milne also laid a similar statement before Admiral Beaumont and verbally expressed to him his great indignation that such cruel treatment should be permitted to continue by the sanction of a civilized government.

Had the above statement made by the collector not been part of his official communication, it is certain the collector would have used much stronger language. The seal branding as pursued by the United States government is in his opinion and that of the local sealing captains, a disgrace to civilization. It is done but for one purpose—to destroy the skins and harass the Canadians engaged in the industry.

MARINE NOTES.

The bark Rose completed loading lumber at Moodyville on Saturday. Her cargo consists of 863,773 feet of rough lumber, bound for Western Australia. The Rose was loaded by Captain Cates, and is one of quite a large number of cargoes that have gone this season from Moodyville to Australia.

Three more vessels of the local sealing fleet got away to sea on their southern cruise yesterday, the Geneva, Capt. W. D. Byers; Triumph, Capt. W. Cox, and the Penelope, Capt. D. Macaulay. The Sadie Turpel sails to-day.

Steamer Danube is due from the north.

A VERY TINY BABY.

St. John Woman Mother of an 18-Ounce Child Now Thriving in an Incubator.

A New York paper prints the following:

"Bound in swaddling clothes and cradled in a home-made incubator fashioned out of a dry-goods box, lies the smallest baby in New York—Marie Thelma De Long. All babies are wonders, but this one is considered by her parents to have several blue-ribbon characteristics. She is not only the smallest living baby in New York, but she is the only one who has ever been reared in a dry goods box. The little girl's father was one of twins. This baby is the survivor of twins—the other a boy—who were born three weeks ago. Both children were abnormally small. They weighed less than 18 ounces each; measured less than one foot in length. Placed side by side they covered about four inches of space. Their heads could be encircled by the thumb and fore-finger. In other words they were about the size of an ordinary hairbrush, easily placed in a man's hat and lost in a lady's satchel. Such were little Marie De Long and her twin brother three weeks ago. At their birth the doctor said that he did not consider it safe to send the little ones to Bellevue on account of danger from exposure. De Long realized there was no time to be lost. Necessity suggested a dry goods box as an incubator. "Just the thing," said Dr. Trenwith, who was in attendance. "Never has been tried but I think it could be made to work." De Long got a box about 2½ feet square, had a carpenter fit it up with a lid fitted with a glass slide, being a tray in the centre of the box like the tray of a trunk and left beneath the tray a space for hot water bottles. The doctor placed the babies side by side in the tray, wrapped up in flannel and covered by a little quilt which would ordinarily be hardly enough to cover a medium sized doll. They were taken out every two hours and fed. But the boy baby did not seem as hardy as the girl. At the end of an hour he died. At birth the girl weighed less than a pound. Yesterday she weighed 22 ounces—a gain of about five ounces in three days. In spite of this growth, however, the baby is no larger than a small doll. Her eyes, when open, are about the size of small peas. On her perfectly formed head is a little tuft of brown hair half an inch long. The body is perfectly moulded. The waist measures three inches. The feet are an inch long. The hands are half an inch wide. The hands from wrist to the finger tips measure one inch. The fingers are like toothpicks. The article concludes: Mrs. De Long, who is slight, is a Canadian by birth, a graduate of the Sacred Heart Convent, and accomplished both in instrumental and vocal music. Her mother, Mrs. J. E. Nealis, is large, so is her father. Mr. De Long's family for generations back have been well developed though not large. The nurse, Mrs. Joseph Mauerhofer, ascribes the good health of her charge to the excellence of the incubator. She keeps her eye on the thermometer, which shows through the glass slide on the cover anad keeps the temperature at exactly 90 degrees all the time. She says that is all there is to it. The case has alreday attracted the attention of the medical world. Physicians are daily calling at the De Long apartment, at No. 148 West One Hundred and Fifth street."

KAMLOOPS.

The annual meeting of the Kamloops Conservative Association was held last Monday night, with great success. The Manitoba elections probably helped to increase the enthusiasm. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Hon. President; Jas. McIntosh, president; F. J. Fulton, vice-presidents, Jas. Ross, Shuswap; John Clapperton, Nicola; Albert Duck, Grande Prairie. Committee, Messrs. Pearse, O'Brien, Owens, A. Noble, Todd, W. F. Wood, F. Harding, P. Barnhart, J. P. Shaw, Wells and McGregor. Treasurer, J. R. Hull. Secretary, F. E. Young; auditor, J. J. Carment. A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring secretary, Mr. Pearse, and various business was discussed.—Standard.

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Letters to the Editor.

PATRIOTISM AND CAKES.

Sir: There seems to be an anti-British feeling expressed by some Victoria shopkeepers, who represent Britain as cornered in their shops. One shop in particular decorates their iced cakes in the front row with the Russian, Turkish and French flag, Ireland in the top left-hand corner, and the glorious flag of old England in the bottom corner, inserted in a piece of common plum cake, which I must say is very much out of place.

AN ENGLISHMAN.

CHRISTMAS AND THE POOR.

Sir: A wave of dissappointment seems to have followed the action of the school board in not allowing the children to contribute their usual Christmas offering to the poor of the city through the medium of the Friendly Help Society. It is true the children can still give, but many of them are little tots, and cannot deliver the doll or toy that they so willingly parted with for some poorer little one, that didn't have the abundance at Christmas that they had.

It is often possible, Mr. Editor, to strain at a "knat and swallow a camel." The trustees might be breaking a rule in allowing this custom, but were not the children being educated in that beautiful principle that "it is more blessed to give than to receive?"

We trust that parents will still urge their children to bring their offerings to the society above named, not fearing that some other child may give a little more. The poor widow only gave her mite.

L. G.

CAMPAIGN POETRY.

The Toronto Globe's correspondent with the Canadian contingent writes as follows:

I am apprehensive lest the regiment be suspected of ingratitude in the matter of war songs. Some score of poets labored earnestly to fit us out with a complete collection of this essential feature of our equipment, and few of those who wrote failed to provide us with printed specimens of their handiwork. Col. Otter betrayed genuine emotion when he made reference to the quantities of printed rhyming matter that descended upon him by every mail. And yet, with all this patriotic endeavor on the part of our poets, the regiment has discarded all the presents so generously bestowed upon it and has manufactured its own war song locally.

It was the British Columbia half company that did it, and Private W. H. Moodie of Kaslo, one of Capt. Hodgins' own Kootenay men, is the author. The half company sweeped in upon us at Quebec singing it, the only explanation vouchsafed being that it was constructed somewhere out on the prairies. Now the whole ship forward is chanting it.

The air is the "Hot Time in the Old Town To-night," an aging but still honored song, and the words are as follows:

Come along, get you ready, for there's
going to be a fight,
And the Boers will soon be routed, for
the British Lion's might
Has been wakened into action, and his cubs
are all in sight—
They are coming at his summons and their
work will not be light.

When you hear those dum-dum bullets sing,
Then all keep cool and make your rifles
sting,
And then we'll thrash those Boers
Till they haven't breath to sing—
There'll be a hot time in Transvaal to-
night.

There are men from old Australia and
from good New Zealand, too,
And our trusty troops from India, who have
proved what they can do;
And heart they're all united by a spirit
brave and true—
And they'll fight as British soldiers fight
until the war is through.

Chorus.

Now our Canada has offered over forty
thousand strong
Of her bravest sons and loyal, who will
always fight the wrong;
Now from all her wide Dominion they are
rushing to the fray,
And the "Maple Leaf Forever" is their
battle song to-day.

Private Moodie's tactical grasp of the situation, it will be observed, is unexceptionable. This is his first venture into lyric verse, but he is, so far, the most promising candidate for the post of Tyrtaeua to our regiment.

POWERS OF EUROPE.

Powers of Europe, Britain notes
Joy expressed by some of you
That she's had some reverses,
Which in war is nothing new;
But as all her history shows
Only serves to urge her on
Till her conquest is complete
And her final victory's won.
Yes, her Continental consict
Saw reverses not a few;
Yet all that was well retrieved
By a glorious Waterloo.
So again will victory come,
As her foes will shortly see,
When great hosts from Britain's shore
And every loyal colony
Join in a triumphant march,
Before which Boer shall melt away,
And Britain, as in days of yore,
Her power invincible display.
Then as now our British soldier,
No poor conscript forced from home,
But a willing warrior brave,
Ready for whate'er may come;
Noble, patriotic and true soldier,
In thought and action is at one
With his country's earnest longing,
With the chief that leads him on.
Go ye back to Roman legions,
Greeks and Saracens of old;
Reckon up their deeds of daring,
As in ancient story told.
And then see our British soldier,
See him on the battle field;
See what he can do and dare—
Fight and die, but never yield.
Never yield unless commander
Sounds "retreat" to save his men.
And though order is obeyed,
Eager still to try it again.

Powers of Europe, as you know this,
Think of what it means to you,
If you rouse the British Lion,
And his wrath you risk anew!
If you aid Great Britain's foes,
If you dare to interfere,
You will know the price you pay
When your navies disappear.
But though strong and well prepared
Everywhere to hold her own,
Peace Great Britain will maintain,
If she is but left alone.
Let alone to conquer Boers;
Make them own her rightful sway;
And then "dark continent" will see
Dawning of a brighter day.
Yes, in Afric she will do what in India
she has done;
In Egypt also and where'er
Her reconstructing work is known.
Why, then, should she be opposed;
Why our Gallic neighbor's hate?
Do they think their raving can
Affect or change a task so great?
But if it could accomplish this,
Strange what's plain they cannot see,
They would postpone a noble work,
And be the Boer's worst enemy.

G. S.

South Saanich, December 16, 1899.

Christmas 1899

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